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SATURDAY, 2 P.M.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1900.
M. L. PENINSULAR	6257	W. Wheler	30th Dec.
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan. 1900.
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	13th "
* CARTHAGE	3198	J. R. Landon	20th "
M. L. ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	27th "
* ARABIA	7969	J. L. Parfitt	3rd Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	3198	J. R. Landon	10th "
* CALEDONIA	7358	E. H. Gordon	17th "
M. L. ARABIA	7969	J. L. Parfitt	24th "
* PENINSULAR	6257	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7358	E. H. Gordon	10th "
* EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	17th "
M. L. PENINSULAR	6257	W. Wheler	24th "
* ORIENTAL	5284	J. F. Jephson	31st "
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April.
* ARABIA	6262	J. L. Parfitt	14th "
M. L. CHINA	7469	T. S. Angus	21st "
* ORIENTAL	7284	J. F. Jephson	28th "
M. L. ARABIA	7969	J. L. Parfitt	5th May.
* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Landon	12th "
M. L. CALEDONIA	7358	E. H. Gordon	19th "

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Bombay, 15th December, 1899.

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TO TRIESTE DIRECT VIA ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID.

Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATOR	G. Klansberger	4,140	1st Jan. 1900.
IMPERATRIX	G. Morovich	1,213	1st Feb. 1900.
IMPERATOR	G. Klansberger	4,140	1st Mar. 1900

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Rs. 900.	Rs. 375.	Rs. 150.

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Steamers.	Captains.	Tons.	To sail on or about
VINDOBONA	C. Bellon	4,254	7th Jan., 1900.
GISELA	F. Mitis	4,253	7th Feb., 1900.
TRIESTE	A. Mitis	5,095	7th March, 1900.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
FRANZ FERDINAND	C. Costanzo	6,044	22nd Jan., 1900.

For further particulars, Freight, Passage &c., apply to

E. SCARPA, Agent.
Sassoon House, 2, Church Gate Street, Bombay, Dec., 22, 1899.

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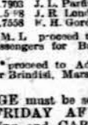

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

TO MARSEILLES DIRECT.

VIA ADEN, SUEZ, AND PORT SAID.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY.
OCEANIEN	4,249	Schmitz	18th Jan. 1900.
CALEDONIAN	4,232	Bousard	15th Feb. 1900.
INDUS	6,300	Chevalier	15th March, 1900.
SYDNEY	4,232	Aubert	12th April, 1900.
YARRA	4,255	X	10th May, 1900

TO COLOMBO, SINGAPORE, JAVA, SAIGON, TONQUIN, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

S. S. "LAOS," 6,300 tons, Captain Flandin, to sail on or about the 10th January, 1900. For weekly departures thereafter.

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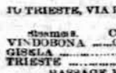

BOMBAY to NAPLES and GENOA, calling at ALEXANDRIA.

Vessel.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on
S.S. R. RUBATTINO.	M. Saporite	5,000	4th Jan., 1900

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RETURN TICKETS.	1st Class.	2nd Class.
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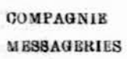

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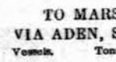

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S. S. "SIRSA," 2,610 tons, on or about 28th December.

FOR SEYCHELLES MOMBASA AND ZANZIBAR.

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Catalogues containing full particulars of lots and conditions of sale will be sent to applicants as soon as issued.

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27th JUNE
29th AUGUST
31st OCTOBER

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P. A. BUCKLAND, Lieut.-Col.,
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Army Clothing Department, Bengal, Alipore, Calcutta, the 5th November, 1899.

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PERRIER JOUET'S "FINEST DRY," per doz.	70 0	37 8	78 0	42 0
do "RESERVE CUVEE" per doz.	75 0	40 0	84 0	44 8
POMMERY and GRENO'S EXTRA SEC, per doz.	78 0	42 0	87 0	47 0
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OLD PORT.—A rich and fruity wine of moderate price, per doz.	22 8	...	25 0	...
WHITE PORT or VINO BIANCO, per doz.	30 0	...	33 8	...
" " STONES BLACK CAPSULE, per doz.	45 0	...	50 0	...
" " " GREEN " "	32 0	...	36 0	...

SHERRIES—
FROM GONZALEZ, BYASS & CO.

These are selected and matured on the spot and shipped through this well-known firm, who have obtained a world-wide reputation for high character and superior quality of their Wines.

The following selection will be found specially suited to the tastes and requirements of residents in India:—

	Ordinary Rates. Per dozen. Rs. a.	Rs. a.
AMONTILLADO—A Genuine "Natural" Sherry, of Superior quality, very old and choice, one of the driest of the Xerez Wines, per doz.	45 0	50 0
MANZANILLA.—Dry, of a fine straw colour, and unsurpassed for delicacy and purity; it is a perfect "San Lucar" Wine, of full flavour and firmness, per doz.	31 0	34 0
GOLDEN SHERRY.—Rich, nutty-flavoured Dessert Wine, much admired, per doz.	32 8	35 8
OLD DRY SHERRY.—Well matured, remarkably soft and dry, and free from acidity. Specially recommended, per doz.	31 0	34 8
VINO DE PASTO.—A good generous Dinner Wine, unequalled for price, and well suited for family use, per doz.	28 0	31 8
PALE DINNER SHERRY.—An excellent light wine for general use, in great demand as a good, clean-drinking Sherry, per doz.	22 0	24 8
LIGHT SHERRY.—A pure light Spanish Wine, of very fair quality, per doz.	19 0	21 8
XEREZ ORO DE LA FRONTERE, per doz.	25 0	28 0

CLARETS—
IMPORTED DIRECT FROM P. DUBOIS & CO., BORDEAUX.
EXCELLENT CUP OR BREAKFAST WINES.

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
COTE'S St. EULALIE, per doz.	11 0	6 0	12 4	6 12
St. JULIEN MEDOC, "fine flavour and body, in great demand," per doz.	12 0	7 0	13 8	7 14
BORDEAUX "a favourite wine from the district of Bordeaux," per doz.	12 0	7 0	13 8	7 14
PETIT MEDOC, "possess body with pleasing flavour," per doz.	15 0	8 4	16 12	9 4
GOOD DINNER WINES.				
SUPERIOR MEDOC, "full-bodied, of high character and flavour," per doz.	18 0	10 0	20 0	11 4
CHATEAU LAGRANGE, "soft and delicate, with fine flavour," per doz.	26 0	14 0	29 0	15 12
GRAVES (White Bordeaux), per doz	20 8	12 8	23 0	14 0
SUPERIOR AFTER-DINNER WINES.				
CHATEAU LAROSE, "extremely delicate, with exquisite flavour and bouquet," per doz	34 0	20 8	38 0	23 0
CHATEAU MARGAUX, "exceedingly choice, with great fragrance and delicate bouquet," per doz	41 8	23 0	46 8	26 0

BURGUNDY—STILL—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
CHAMBERTIN, a rich Burgundy of selected vintage, per doz	33 0	22 8	48 0	25 0
POMARD, per doz.	25 0	13 12	28 0	15 8
MACON, possessed of fine flavour and aroma, per doz.	23 0	12 12	26 0	14 4
BEAUNE, a full-bodied Burgundy, per doz	28 8	15 12	32 0	17 8
CHABLIS, a full-flavoured white Burgundy, per doz	27 0	15 0	30 0	16 10

SPARKLING BURGUNDY—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
RICH SPARKLING RED, very choice Dessert Wine, per doz	30 8		34 0	

AUSTRALIAN WINES—

	Special Cash Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.	Ordinary Rates. Qts. Rs. a.	Pts. Rs. a.
HERMITAGE, per doz	20 0	11 8	22 8	13 0
CLARET, No. 1. "	22 8	12 8	25 0	14 0

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SPECIAL.—It should be noted that the Company are not merely the Agents of a few Wine Merchants at home, but themselves buy direct from the producers, and their prices bear one profit only.

BOMBAY. BYCULLA. POONA.

XMAS, 1899.

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XMAS CAKES, Plain and Decorated	... ...	at Rs. 1-0 Per pound.
XMAS CAKES, Chocolate Iced	... ...	" 1 4 "
XMAS CAKES, Almond Iced	... ...	" 1-8 "
XMAS CAKES, Superior Quality, and Extra Decorations	... ...	" 2-0 "

Plum Puddings and Mince meat pies,
English Plum, Madeira, Seed, Pound, Currant, &c., &c.
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"	Cigarette Case, plain	75
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"	" Diagonally Fluted, heavy	75
"	Cigar " fluted to hold 4 Cigars	80
"	" " " 5 Cigars	105
"	" Cigarettes one side, Cigars the other	110
"	Safety Match boxes, holding at the side slip for striking matches	14
"	Vesuve " Hall marked	28
"	" and Sovereign Case	32
"	Cigar Box, holding 50 Cigars, 8 3-4" long, 5" wide, 2 3-4" high, Rs. 34, 32,	200
"	Cigarette Box holding 100 Cigarettes, 7 1-2" long, 3 1-2" wide, 3 1-2" high,	100
"	Mounted Cabinet Photo Frames Rs. 12, 16, 22, 26,	28
"	" " " Heart Shape	20
"	" Carte-de-visite Rs. 15,	12
"	Lady's Card Cases, in leather case Rs. 8, 9, 10,	42
"	Gents " " " Rs. 26, 27,	28
"	Napkin Rings from Rs. 7-8 per pair in case to	37
"	Mounted Lady's companion	37
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THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1900, being Public Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 30th instant, and MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 1st and 2nd proximo, these days being Public Holidays, under the "Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881."

J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 22nd December, 1899.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

ALTERATIONS IN TIMING OF TRAINS.

ON and from the 1st January, 1900, the UP and DOWN MAIL and PASSENGER TRAINS will ARRIVE at and DEPART from the Principal Stations on this Railway, at the TIMES shown below :—

For UP TRAINS read from the BOTTOM and for DOWN TRAINS read from the TOP.

ABSTRACT TIME TABLE OF TRAINS BETWEEN ITARSI, JHANSI AND AGRA AND TUNDLA AND JHANSI AND CAWNPORE.

DOWN TRAINS. Pass.	Pass.	Mail.	STATIONS.	UP TRAINS. Mail.	Pass.	Pass.
14 15 6	5 12	55	D Barsi ..... A	23 41	10	10 21 20
15 0 6	45 13	22	D Hoshangabad ..... D	23 2	9	27 20 37
18 12 9	50 15	20	A Bhopal ..... D	21 23	6	15 17 23
21 30	—	—	D Bhopal ..... A	—	—	14 56
4 30	—	—	A Ujjain ..... D	—	—	7 55
18 30	10 15	30	D Bhopal ..... A	20 55	5	25 17 3
23 44	14 25	18	49 A Bina ..... D	18 6	1	10 11 25
19 45	—	—	D Bina ..... A	—	—	16 15
23 0	—	—	D Baugor ..... D	—	—	13 33
6 0	—	—	D Dantok ..... D	—	—	10 5
17 5	—	—	A Katni Murwara ..... D	—	—	5 30
19 55	—	—	D Bina ..... A	—	—	15 45
8 0	—	—	D Guna ..... D	—	—	11 18
12 35	—	—	A Baran ..... D	—	—	5 20
9 14	50 18	18	D Bina ..... A	17 55	0	55 10 55
2 37	16 49	48	D Lalitpur ..... D	16 41	22	19 8 42
5 45	19 20	22	45 A Jhansi ..... D	14 38	20	11 3 10
3 0	8 40	23	40 D Jhansi ..... A	14 5	4	30 18 50*
7 05	—	—	20 D Orai ..... D	11 52	23	28 13 30
11 25	14 30	3	29 D Kalpi ..... D	11 9	22	5 11 43
15 55	17 20	5	30 A Cawnpore ..... D	9 31	18	45 7 40
6 40	19 50	23	10 D Jhansi ..... A	14 3	19	30 2 45
10 30	24 55	1	31 D Gwalior ..... D	11 56	16	40 22 43
13 30	1 35	3	19 D Dholpur ..... D	10 7	13	14 19 30
16 21	3 45	4	56 D Agra Fort ..... D	8 53	10	55 17 19
17 20	—	5	30 A Tundla ..... D	8 1	—	16 15

Arr

* Third Class Passengers only will be booked by these trains between Cawnpore and Jhansi.

‡ JHANSI-MANIKPUR SECTION.

6 35	—	—	D Manikpur ..... A	—	—	17 48
7 05	—	—	D Karwi ..... D	—	—	16 31
11 10	—	—	D Banda ..... D	—	—	13 50
13 45	—	—	D Mahoba ..... D	—	—	11 53
15 50	—	—	D Harpalpur (for Nowgong) ..... D	—	—	9 40
19 5	—	—	A Jhansi ..... D	—	—	6 25

For particulars of the timing of Trains at intermediate Stations on the above Sections, see the Sheet Time Bills at Stations and the Coaching Tariff Book published by the Indian Midland Railway.

W. B. WRIGHT,
General Traffic Manager.

Jhansi, the 21st December, 1899.

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CORPORATION OF CALCUTTA.
LOAN NOTIFICATION.

THE COMMISSIONERS of CALCUTTA are prepared, with the sanction of the Governor-General in Council given under Section 491 of Act III. (B. C.) of 1888, to open a Debenture Loan for Rs. 5,00,000 (five lakhs) out of the unallotted balance of the sanctioned loan of 25 lakhs advertised for on the 14th August, 1899, on the security of the rates, taxes and dues imposed and levied under the Calcutta Municipal Consolidation Act, 1888.

2. The debentures will have a currency of (25) twenty-five years from the 1st November, 1899, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable on the 1st May and the 1st November of each year. Provided that anticipation interest on the earnest deposits as well as on all subsequent deposits made under this Notification will be paid to the successful tenderers as specified in paras 8 and 13 of this Notification, and the payment will be noted on the back of the debentures when issued as payment in full for the first-half year ending 30th April, 1900.

3. The form of the debentures will be that given in the Twelfth Schedule of Act III. (B. C.) of 1888.

4. No debentures will be issued for any sum less than Rs. 5 5, and above that amount debentures will be issued only for multiples of Rs. 100.

5. Tenders for the whole or any part of the above loan of Rs. 5,00,000 will be received by the Secretary to the Corporation up to 2 o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 5th January, 1900.

6. Each tender must be made out in the form annexed to this Notification, and enclosed in a sealed cover, addressed to the Secretary to the Corporation, and superscribed—"Tender for Municipal Loan of 1899-1900."

7. Each tender must be accompanied by an earnest deposit in Government promissory notes, Calcutta municipal debentures, currency-notes or cheques for not less than 3 per cent. of the amount tendered.

8. When a tender is accepted, the earnest deposit, when made in currency-notes or cheques, will be held as a payment in part of the amount tendered, and will bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum from the date of acceptance of the tender, provided that the whole amount tendered is paid up in the manner hereinafter prescribed; but no debentures will issue for the amount of the earnest deposit so long as the entire amount of the tender is not paid, but debentures may be issued for each instalment paid in full, the earnest deposit not being included in any but the last instalment.

9. The earnest deposits on tenders, which may not be accepted, will be returned on application, and no interest will be payable on such deposits. If an allotment later being made is not taken up, or the full amount allotted is not paid as hereinafter prescribed, the earnest deposit will be forfeited.

10. The rate at which a tender is made must be specified in rupees, or rupees and annas; but not in any fraction of an anna. If a rate containing a fraction of an anna is tendered in any tender, such fraction will be struck out, and the tender treated as if the rate did not contain such fraction of an anna. A tender in which no rate is not specified in rupees or rupees and annas will be rejected as null and void.

11. The whole amount of each allotment will be divided into two equal instalments as follows, payable into the Bank of Bengal :—

Instalment I. As near as possible to 50 per ct. payable on 15th January, 1900.

Instalment II. As near as possible to 50 per ct. * payable on 31st January, 1900.

* N. B.—The words "as near as possible" are used in this paragraph for the purpose of making each instalment an exact multiple of Rs. 100 for debentures in excess of Rs. 500.

12. Parties, whose tenders are accepted, will have the option of paying all or any of the instalments before the dates specified above, and will receive interest from the date of such payment.

13. Anticipation interest will be paid on all instalments from the respective dates on which such instalments are paid into the Bank of Bengal to the 30th April, 1900.

14. In the case of two or more tenders at the same lowest rate accepted, a "pro rata" allotment will be made, but no such allotment will be issued if the amount thus allottable on any tender is less than Rs. 100.

15. A minimum having been previously fixed, tenders will be opened by the Loan Committee of the Commissioners, at 3-30 p.m., on Friday, the 5th January, 1900, at the Municipal Office.

* Including earnest deposit, if in currency-notes or cheque.

W. R. MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

Municipal Office : Calcutta, 22nd December, 1899.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DEBENTURES.

I ..... hereby tender for Rs. ..... of the Municipal four (4) per cent. Debenture Loan for 1899-1900 and agree to pay for the same at the rate of Rupees ..... for every Hundred Rupees allotted to me, subject to the conditions stated in the Notification dated the 22nd December, 1899.

I enclose Government Promissory Notes, Calcutta Municipal Debentures, Currency-notes, or a Cheque for Rs. ..... as earnest deposit.

Dated ..... (Signed) .....

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AT 1-30 P. M.

1 strong, built dog cart in good order.
1 handsome strong Victoria in very good order.
1 second hand glass fronted brougham in good order.
1 bay Arab quite in harness.
1 grey Arab quite in harness.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS SWEEPINGS, &C., AT THE G I P RAILWAY, WADI BUNDER, GOODS DEPOT.

In accordance with sections 55, 56 of Railway Act IX of 1890 under instructions from the G I P Railway Company, Messrs BENNETT and Co, will sell by Public Auction, at the above mentioned place, on FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 2 p m, a quantity of unclaimed goods, wheat and other grain in bags, waste papers in docra, grain sweepings in heap and sundry other articles, &c.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 27th December, 1899.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

SALE OF 670 BAGS RANGOON BULWA RICE.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 27th inst., at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., will, sell by Public Auction, at Carnac Bunder, in Cocoanut Warehouse, No. 8, by order of Messrs. Tokersey Mooljee and Co., and on account and at the risk of Moolchand Soorchund,

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A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

On FRIDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Meadow Street, Fort, opposite Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTONE and Co. Auctioneers, handsome teak and black wood household furniture such as dining table, chairs, sideboard, dres-ing and washhand and marble top tables, lamps and wardrope and almiras, sofas, pictures, glassware, crockery, &c., the property of R SUMMERFIELD, Esq., leaving Bombay. The property will be on view this afternoon.

On SUNDAY, the 31st inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Church Street, Mazagon, next to the Roman Catholic Chapel "Gloria," the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, glassware and crockery, platedware, obsolyet cottage piano, English fireresisting safe, pictures, lamps, table ornaments, English clock under dome, strong-built landau and office brougham, collection of rare plants in tubs and pots such as standard roses, palms, lillies, crotons, garden bench &c., the property of JOHN S. MAIDMENT, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT PINJARI LANE OR HUNGARI MOHLA.

On WEDNESDAY, the 3rd proximo, at 4 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co, will sell by Public Auction on the premises, by order of Bai Minhal, widow and administratrix of the estate of the late Khoja Mocsi Manjee, the Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of Rehman bin Rasul Mahomed Pinjara, the mortgagor in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of mortgage dated the 25th day of January, 1893, the following property, viz. :—

All that piece of fazendary land together with the messuage or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate without the Fort of Bombay, at Pinjari Lane or Rangari Mohla, in the Registration Subdistrict of Bombay, formerly as well as now in the occupation of the tenants of the said Rehman bin Rasul Mahomed Pinjara, registered in the books of the fazendar under No. 27 and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward No. 513 (2), and street Nos. 25-28, and bounded on the east by the property of Memon Dawood Esmail, on the west by the property of Memon Abdoola Ahmed, on the north by the property of Esmail Beg Mahomed, and on the south by the aforesaid Rungary Mohla Street or Pinjari Lane.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SATURDAY, the 13th proximo, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co, are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Frere Road, Fort, opposite the European General Hospital, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, mahogany semi-grand piano by Boosey and Co., large size aviary with birds foot sewing machine with cover lamps, pictures, magic lantern, 2 gents pneumatic bicycles, bronze and other table ornaments, etc., the property of H. J. ELLIOTT Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 3 days before the sale.

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Bombay, 27th December, 1899.

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BOARDING A DENTIST.—Dr. Framji Edulji Davar, Dental Surgeon, who resides at Girgaum Road, has reported to the police that, while in the Arthur Crawford Markets, on Sunday last, a purse, containing sovereigns and Rs. 15 in cash, was stolen from the pocket of his coat.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PORT TRUSTEE.—During the absence of the late Mr. Nowrojee Nasarwanjee Wadia from Bombay, Government had appointed Mr. Nowroji Jehangir Gamadia to act as a Port Trustee in his place. Owing to Mr. Wadia's death in England, Mr. Nowrojee Gamadia has been confirmed in his office as a Port Trustee.

BURNT IN A MARKET.—On Monday evening, a kerosine oil lamp, placed in a fish-stall in the Null Bazaar, was suddenly set on fire and was immediately thrown on the ground by the stall-holder. The flame from the oil ignited the clothing of two men who were then in the market. They were burnt about their legs and conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where they have been detained.

FIRE AT THE BOMBAY COTTON PRESS.—At a quarter-past 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a fire was discovered in the mixing room of the Bombay Cotton Press, at Colaba. The Municipal fire brigade stations were communicated with and the Colaba engine was promptly on the spot, followed shortly by the Sassoon steamer. None of the engines were, however, utilised as the outbreak was put out by the fire-extinguishing appliances belonging to the Press. The damage by fire and water was estimated at Rs. 500.

THE LATE MR. NOWROJEE NASARWANJEE WADIA.—It appears that the late Mr. Nowrojee Nasarwanjee Wadia and Mrs. Wadia had engaged their passage to return to Bombay by the mail steamer, Egypt, which arrives here on Friday morning next. Owing to Mr. Wadia's serious illness, however, he could not go on board the Egypt. On Mrs. Wadia's return, she will decide to which charities are to be appropriated the Rs. 3,51,000 which, by his will, Mr. Nowrojee has set apart for charitable and benevolent purposes.

THEFT OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. P.H. Dastur, acting Second Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Bartley charged Toona Lowchand, a Pardesi, with the theft of a handbag, containing surgical instruments and some articles of the value of Rs. 350, belonging to Dr. Munchershaw N. Dessana. It appeared from the evidence that, on Saturday afternoon the complainant alighted from his brougham at Church Gate Street, and went into a cycle shop. During his absence the accused took the bag out of the ghary, hid it under his *dhotar* and walked off. The magistrate convicted the accused and sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

THEFT AT THE BYCULLA CLUB.—Brigade-Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel George Watson, I. M. S., who resides on the second floor of the Byculla Club chambers, has reported to the police that some time during Friday afternoon last, an open-faced gold watch, with the value of Rs. 150, and a gold chain of Rs. 1,200, was stolen from his dressing table. Dr. Watson further stated that his butler Jose Antone informed him that he saw the watch on the dressing table that afternoon about 4 o'clock, and that the only person who had access to the room were the butler and a peon, named Shaik Ahmed, who came to the room, and obtained leave.

DROWNED IN A WELL.—The dead body of a Hindu, name unknown, aged about 25 years, was, on Sunday last, found floating on the surface of the water in a well, situated in an out, at Datar Kumbharwada. The body was first seen by one Moreswar a clerk in the Audit Department of the G. I. P. Railway Company, and he informed the police. The latter had the corpse removed from the well. The body was dressed in a dhoti only and was much decomposed. Some pieces of clothing were found lying on the ground, alongside the parapet wall of the well. The deceased appeared to be a Maratha of the labouring class. Information was circulated throughout the town, but no one came forward to identify the body. Mr. Allan F. Turner held an inquiry on Christmas Day, on the body of the deceased, when the jury returned an open verdict.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A LABOURER.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, regarding the death of Tookaram Gunnoo, a Hindu labourer, aged about thirty-two years. The deceased resided with his brother near the Church Gate station. For some weeks past Tookaram had been engaged as a labourer at the building now being erected at the Queen's Road for the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. On Monday afternoon the deceased was carrying on his head a big stone, when his foot accidentally slipped, and he fell flat on the ground, the stone falling on the top of him. He got up and complained of pain in his abdomen. He walked home, where the abdomen was fomented, but the pain continued increasing, and about two hours after his brother took him to the Goculdas Tejpal, where he was admitted. He died at a quarter-past 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The House Surgeon was of opinion that death was due to peritonitis, following the injury to the abdomen. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

ALEXANDRA NATIVE GIRLS' ENGLISH INSTITUTION.—At a meeting of the board of directors, held on Saturday, the 23rd instant, at 5·30 p.m., Mr. C. M. Cursetjee presiding, the following resolution was unanimously passed and recorded, "The directors of the Alexandra N. G. E. Institution desire to place on record with deep sorrow their sense of the great loss the Institution has sustained by the untimely death of their colleague the Hon'ble Mr. Nowrojee Nassurwanjee Wadia, C.I.E. By this sad and mournful event, the Institution loses a firm, generous, and sympathetic friend. As one of the directors for several years, Mr. Nowrojee Wadia always took a keen and kindly interest in its welfare and was ever ready with his valuable counsel and liberal help to further its progress and promote its usefulness. The directors feel persuaded that not only the Alexandra Institution but other similar institutions which Mr. Nowrojee Wadia helped to support, as well as the entire Parsee community, the poorer members of which have so largely benefited by his large-hearted charity, must mourn the loss of a great sufferers by his death. The directors desire at the same time to express their heartfelt sympathy with Mrs. Nowrojee Wadia and her family in this their great sorrow and bereavement, and pray that Providence may help them to bear the same with equanimity and resignation."

SINGULAR WAY OF DRIVING OUT A DEVIL.—Savitree, a Hindu woman, wife of a Malee, residing at Bandare, left Mahim for Matoonga on the morning of the 25th instant. On the way she managed to pick up with a Hindu and a Mahomedan, who stated that they were also bound for the same place. The woman informed her companions that she was possessed of an evil spirit. They at once professed their ability and willingness to exorcise the spirit and accordingly the trio went into the fields at Matoonga. Here a hole was dug in the ground and a cocoanut placed therein. The woman was then directed to place her gold ornaments, valued at Rs. 65 on a stone near the hole, and to prostrate herself and to rest her forehead on the cocoanut. She consented to do so, and while she was lying in that position she suddenly received a blow on the back, and when the only person who had access to the room were the butler and a peon, named Shaik Ahmed, who came to the room, and obtained leave.

SERIOUS FRACAS AT HONGKONG.

GERMAN BLUEJACKETS MOB THE POLICE.

A SERIOUS disturbance was occasioned at Hongkong on Dec. 8, at Murray Pier by a large crowd of German bluejackets who attempted the rescue of one of their comrades from the custody of the police. The affair assumed a very dangerous appearance, and in the struggle which ensued one of the constables fired his revolver into the air to frighten his assailants. Two of the sailors, named Panger and Hollndoff were arrested, and in the Magistracy to-day, the former was charged with assaulting a British striker and also with obstructing the police in the performance of their duty. Hollendoff was charged with obstructing the police. According to the evidence tendered, about 9·20 p.m. the first defendant and the English stoker had a quarrel regarding some matter, regarding which the prosecutor and complainant gave different explanations. At any rate the German thought he was justified in assaulting the Britisher, and he promptly knocked him down and kicked him. At this stage, Commander Boothby, of H. M. S. Endymion, and three other naval officers who had just landed from a sampan, appeared on the scene and P. C. Baker being attracted by the disturbance came from Murray Pier to enquire into the matter. Commander Boothby gave the German in charge for assault, and on the constable seeking to obtain information about the affair Panger and Hollendoff also rushed on the policeman and P. C. Watt, on duty at Pedder's Wharf, hearing the call for assistance, at once jumped into a rickshaw and came to P. C. Baker's assistance, when his assistance had nearly push d him over into the sea. Baker had driven up his baton and was driving the Germans back. P. C. Watt drew his baton and assisted his comrade in keeping charge of the prisoner. The Germans made a combined rush and almost knocked the constables off the pier. The prisoner almost got away, but Baker knocked him down with his baton. In falling the German pulled the constable down with him, and they struggled together on the ground, while the skin of the constable's right hand is being broken. Another rush by the Germans was checked by P.C. Watt firing his revolver in the air. The Germans were scared in another rush by the double discharge of the constable's revolver. At this stage, the cutter from the Hansa came alongside the pier, and the petty officer in charge cleared away a number of the men, during the course of the struggle, the police patrol pinnace arrived, and P. C. Hansen came to the assistance of the police, and was immediately knocked down. P. C. Baker, assisted by the Indian constable and the officers, took the opportunity of getting his prisoner off the pier and along Murray Road, but they were kept back from rendering assistance to the prisoner by the naval officers and P. C. Watt who arrested the second prisoner, Hollendoff. The men were taken to the Hansa and the Captain's gig was sent to the pier to ask the first prisoner had been drinking. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Police Magistrate, said he could not accept the statement of the prosecutor that he was simply standing on the jury calling for a sampan when he was assaulted. Probably both men were the worse of liquor when the assault was committed. Panger would be cautioned on the charge. With regard to the second charge against both men of resisting the police, he was not think, will meet with the approval of all thoughtful men in the community, if he did not mark his disapprobation of such criminal proceedings by imposing a more severe sentence than usual. Both men would be punished for this on their own ship. He imposed fines of dols. 25 each.—*China Mail*, 9th Dec.

RIOT AND MURDER NEAR KOWLOON CITY.

VILLAGERS RESIST THE POLICE.

ON Dec. 8, a special police constable and a party of three excise officers had a most exciting experience in the execution of an excise warrant in the village of Ng Tau Kok, situated on the beach midway between Kowloon City and Lyemun. The villagers are mostly engaged in the stone quarries in the locality, and they have previously resented the interference of the excise officers. In the encounter which took place yesterday one of the excise officers was murdered and two of the villagers were so seriously injured as to necessitate their removal to the Government Civil Hospital, and early this morning one of the wounded men died from the effects of his injuries.

About six o'clock in the evening, Private Evans, of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who is on special service as a police constable, accompanied by three Chinese excise officers, arrived at the village of Ng Tau Kok for the purpose of executing a search warrant for opium. The party succeeded in executing the warrant and in arresting a prisoner, but on coming out of the house they were met by a crowd of the villagers who proceeded to pelt them with stones. The officers cautioned the people, but as they refused to desist from the attack Private Evans fired his revolver in the air to frighten them off. The revolver was almost immediately knocked out of his hand with a bamboo. Evans managed to pick up his weapon and fired eleven shots into the crowd, and then escaped with one of the excise officers to Kowloon City, where information of the affair was given to Sergeant Wright. The Captain Superintendent of police was informed by telephone of the occurrence, Sergeant Wright and a party of Police immediately proceeded to the scene of the disturbance. They found the body of Li Lau, one of the excise officers, with a severe wound on the head and having met death by drowning. The other excise officer was found in a house in the village. Three villagers suffering from bullet wounds were removed to the Government Civil Hospital, and at seven o'clock one of the men succumbed to his injuries.

CALCUTTA HOUSE AND DOG SHOW.

This annual show will be held in the grounds of the Tollygunge Club to-day. There are 24 classes for horses and ponies, and the entries in all are larger than on any previous occasion. Good prizes are offered, and those for the best turn-outs will be keenly contested. The jumping competition will begin at 3-30 p.m., there will be a parade of winners at 4 p.m., and the prizes will be distributed half an hour later. Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Curzon will probably be present. The list of judges for horses includes Major General Ellis, Inspector of Cavalry, the Hon'ble Mr. Evans, C.S.I., Colonel Kirby, Colonel Leslie and Lieutenant Turnbull, Army Veterinary Department; Lieutenant-Colonel City Hill; while Messrs. Mawdsley, Cowie and Showers will judge the dogs. The Show promises to be a great success, thanks to the efforts of the Stewards and the energy of the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Harry Stuart.

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THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE PLAGUE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

CONSIDERABLE irritation is felt in many quarters owing to the withholding of the Plague Commission's report. The *Rast Goftar* remarks: More than twelve months have elapsed since the day the Commissioners completed their investigations and returned home. A fresh epidemic is upon us, which promises to take a heavier toll of human life than its three forerunners. From our local experts and medical practioners there has been neither sufficient light thrown upon the causes which give rise to these frightful visitations nor fresh suggestions made as to the best means of combating their attack. Considerable dissatisfaction being felt at the manner in which the publication of the Plague Commissioners' report has been deferred till now. It is high time now that the document should see the light.

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THE PACK-MULE.

(BY ONE WHO KNOWS HIM.)

THE pack-horse, pack-mule, and pack-ass are extinct in England, and the average Englishman only knows them from the pictures of war correspondents. Yet the British Government is probably the largest owner of pack-animals in the world and the pack-ass of our Army Corps in South Africa chiefly depends on their efficiency. Wherever there are no carriage roads the speed and carrying power of the pack-beast determines inexorably the advance of an army.

The art of saddle transport is one of the oldest, but it is one which West-ern nations have for the most part forgotten. In Europe it only just survives in Spain and Italy, and is nowhere really understood outside the Mo-lem parts of Turkey. The one infallible test of a true Turk—a Turk by blood, not religion—is to see him pack a saddle. He knows intuitively exactly how much the animal will carry; how to make up the bundles; how to arrange them so that they will balance, not gall, and yet leave room for a rider; and, most important of all, he knows how to lash the cargo in such a way that it does not shift or work loose for the whole day. All this he effects quietly, without apparent thought; and it is not until one has suffered at the hands of a Greek or Italian that the difference between the artful and the amateur dawns on the traveller. It is no new observation. Below the piles of modern scientific travellers, rotted it in the sixteenth century. He gives a whole chapter, entitled "Que les Turcs sont les gens qui ceaunet le mieux charger et deschargar bagages en allant par pays qui nuis autres." Von der Goltz whose knowledge of the modern Turk is unique, is just as enthusiastic in his appreciation. The fact is that the manners and customs of the Turk are still nomadic. The chief furniture of his house can be packed on saddles in a few hours, and is then ready for use in a tent in the bare room of a caravanserai, or on the deck of a steamer. Books, valuables, papers, and all the belongings that we store in shelves and cupboards are kept by the true Osmanli in saddle-bags, and seldom require packing. It is impossible to realise how far-reaching are the effects of saddl-transport until one has seen the long lines of mules, ponies, asses and camels bringing figs, raisins, wool, cotton or tobacco to railway station in Asia Minor or Macedonia. Then it becomes clear that the shape, size, and weight of the bales and the nature of their wrapping are all chosen with a view to the peculiarities of the local beast of burden. It is his convenience, too, that forces the importer to send out petroleum in the square tins now so familiar to our Colonists. Two tins in a wooden case make the proper load for one side of a pack-saddle; and this is the reason why, after tobacco and gunpowder, paraffin is the product of civilisation which first reaches far-from harbours and railways.

The ordinary load of a mule is 200 lb., and with this he will travel from eight to ten hours a day at the rate of some three miles an hour. He is fed before starting, and starts at daybreak. About nine o'clock he is given a short halt in a shady place, and at noon he is fed, and rests for at least a couple of hours while his master takes the midday meal and a siesta. About five o'clock he gets a drink, if water is handy, and, finally, just before sunset he reaches a caravanserai or a camping-out ground and is fed before the men lie down to sleep. A good beast of burden will keep his pace for eight or nine days at a stretch on this system, and after a day's rest will repeat the performance. His pace is so uniform that all over Turkey distances are computed in "hours," *i.e.*, the number of hours a mule will take to cover the stretch. Maps and mileage are deceptive, but every one knows that the reckoning by mule or pony hours misleads, for it accurately represents the true character of the road, or rather of the track. To a European the effic ency of such primitive transport seems nothing less than miraculous. He will not believe that a track, often not more than six inches wide running up the bed of a mountain torrent, and climbing across the face of precipitous cliffs to reach a pass more than six thousand feet above, can be a road at all, or trade route. Yet, if he goes across Albania, from Elbissan to Monastir, he will find a road of this kind and be certain to meet at least one long string of fifty or sixty pack animals making its way to the coast. It will be a Wallach caravan protected by a dozen armed men, and accompanied by women and children. The whole country is beset by brigands and every trader is liable to be stripped as a smuggler, yet these Wallachs compete successfully with the steamers of Salonica and the railway to Monastir for the inland trade of Macedonia. It was by the aid of caravans of this kind that the Turkish commander-in-chief fed and moved his 150,000 men in the Thessalian campaign. Their base at Verria was over a hundred miles from the front; and the country between is one of the most difficult in Europe, but the service was amply sufficient, although scarcely any special provision was made.

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THE END OF MAHDISM.

HOW THE KHALIFA DIED.

COLONEL SIR F. WINGATE and Major Watson, who arrived at Cairo on Friday from Omdurman, have (says the "Daily News" correspondent) given some interesting and graphic accounts of the pursuit and death of the Khalifa. It is quite evident that Sir F. Wingate displayed great tact and judgment in manœuvring his force, which was numerically vastly inferior to the Dervishes, but a bold stroke on each occasion enabled him firstly, to intercept Ahmed Fedil, who after a fortnight's flight, was about to join hands with the Khalifa, and secondly, to cut off the latter whilst making his way to Gedid.

ABDULLAH'S HEROIC DEATH.

The Khalifa met his death in a really heroic manner, and eye-witnesses, though thoroughly despising the man, admit that his end was indeed pathetic. He was in the thick of the fight, and when he discovered that all hopes of success were vain, he dismounted, and ordered all his Emirs to do likewise and rally round him. He then sat down on his sheep skin with his Emirs around him. He placed his bodyguard in front, and they were all killed to a man. The Khalifa was shot through the head, heart, arm, and leg, as (adds the correspondent) his jibbeh, which Major Watson showed to me, testifies. He was afterwards buried close to where he fell by his own people, under Colonel Wingate's supervision, and thus ended the career of a man whom thousands worshipped in their ignorance. With his death it is to be hoped that the total collapse of Mahdi-ism has been brought about.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE.

Reuter's Cairo correspondent gives the following details of the battle:—When the Khalifa left Gedid he went northward to El Gedid. The Sirdar then ordered Colonel Sir F. Wingate to try to cut off the Khalifa. Colonel Wingate then upon went in pursuit, with 3,700 men, officered by Colonel Lewis, Major Cayzer, Colonel Mahon, Lieut.-Col Hickman, and Major Wilkinson. The force had six Maxims, and a battery of artillery. When Colonel Wingate overtook the enemy the Khalifa made a hard stand and fought on the left, but as he failed to do so, and Colonel Wingate's fire was too hot, the Dervishes began to retire.

Yunes, formerly Emir of Dongola, who was found near the Khalifa unharmed, told the tale of his leader's death. Colonel Wingate's force swept right over the Khalifa and his Emirs. Afterwards, on being informed that the Khalifa was dead, Colonel Wingate returned and recovered his body. The Dervish leader was a man of middle height, strong, stout, and of a light brown complexion, with a long grey beard. Sir Francis Wingate highly praises the pluck and endurance displayed by the Egyptian force during the difficult pursuit which preceded the victory, and also the valuable aid rendered him by all his officers.

SLATIN PASHA'S VIEWS.

Slatin Pasha's views on African questions are always interesting and instructive. Sir Rudolph has had opportunity of discussing the overthrow of the Khalifa by Colonel Wingate. His views appear in the Vienna "Fremdenblatt," and are telegraphed by the correspondent of the "Times."

MAHDISM HAS CEASED TO EXIST.

Sir Rudolph Slatin does not believe that the complications in South Africa had anything to do with the Khalifa's last advances; in fact, he thinks it possible that he knew nothing about the Transvaal war. The Khalifa decided to make a forward move when he heard that Lord Kitchener had withdrawn a portion of the Egyptian troops, and that only Sir Francis Wingate's force had been left behind. In any case, the death of the Khalifa proves that Mahdism has ceased to exist. Osman Digna has no following worth speaking of.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Slatin Pasha spoke in terms of high praise of Sir Redvers Buller and also of Sir Archibald Hunter. He anticipated that the English would soon be masters of the situation.

THE CAPE TO CAIRO ROUTE AND AUSTRIAN "COLONIZATION."

It is his conviction that all the European Powers are interested to the same extent in the projected line of communication from the Cape to Alexandria. It will only be when this great Trans-African road shall be opened that the six-eighths of natural resources of the interior of Africa will be available for the trade of the world, which will thus become independent of access to the coast. It was to be regretted that Austria had not taken any effective part in Central competition. The Austrians possessed qualities suitable for colonial life, although they might not be known abroad. Unfortunately, the spirit of enterprise which characterised the Austrians in the middle of the century was absent among the Austrians. Perhaps, later on, it would be realised in Austria that the colonies constituted a means for providing employment, and that many of those who dissatisfied at home might find work. Particularly in Dalmatia, Austria colonization might bring about an improvement in and perhaps a complete remedy for the distracted internal situation.

OPENING UP THE NILE.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF THE WHITE NILE.

The Cairo correspondent of the "Daily News" sends a summary of a memorandum on the subject prepared by Mr. W. Willcocks on the value of the White Nile to Egypt and the injurious effects of the sudd. The extraordinary behaviour of the low flood of 1899 is possibly due to the great rise in the Bahr-el-Gebel. The great decrease in the discharge of the Bahr-el-Gebel has caused Lake No, which was a very considerable expanse of water in 1840 to dwindle into an insignificant pool. The broad, shallow arm of the river which connected Lake No with the Saubat River and went by the name of the White Nile, has been in great part obliterated by sudd and the Gazelle river is doubtless finding a more commodious outlet for its waters by means of the Bahr Lolls.

As there are only thirty kilometres of sudd in the Bahr Ziraf, it would be a comparatively easy task for the Egyptian Government to keep the Nile steamable from the head waters of this arm of the river, and of the wide channel into the Victoria Nile, and then close the Bahr-el-Gebel at the head by a dam. On the completion of this work, the cost of which Mr. Willcocks estimates at £200,000, the White Nile supply would be brought straight down to Egypt, and not only might the summer supply of 1900 be increased, but the rise of the river in June, 1900, might be begun at an earlier date.

Once the sudd were removed, it would be easy to devote annually a fixed sum of money to the raising of the banks in the low parts. On this work Mr. Willcocks proposes an expenditure of £250,000 spread over ten years. If the project were estimated to cost £6,000,000 instead of £2,500,000, he thinks it would be well worth the while of the Egyptian Government to execute it. The Soudan without the head waters of the Victoria Nile, he says, is worth nothing; as the highway of these waters it is a possession of great value.

Cairo Dec. 6.—The Government has decided to cut the "sudd" which impeds the navigation of the Nile south of Fashoda, and has lent a T-el graph Company.

The "sudd" is a vegetable growth which has been allowed to accumulate in the White Nile between a point a little north of Duffis and another point 160 far below Fashoda. Some 200 miles of the river are thus blocked. The removal of the sudd, a much needed measure, will open up direct river communication between the Soudan and Uganda.

BOERS BELEAGURED LADYSMITH.

LETTER FROM A CORK ARMY SURGEON.

AN army surgeon, serving with the 1st Manchester Regiment, writes to his mother who lives in Cork city the letter furnished below. It was written in pencil on both sides of an envelope addressed to one of the officers of the regiment. Enclosed were the Transvaal colours worked on a bit of ribbon which was apparently cut from a sash. The ribbon was given to the writer by a son of General Koch, the Boer Commander, who was taken prisoner at Elands Laagte.

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"MY DEAR MOTHER,—Just a few lines after a terrible battle, in which we were victors—Elands Laagte. It was the hottest time of my life; all officers wounded, except major, subaltern, and self. God alone extended His mercy to me, and I prayed to Him for it. I am writing on the note-book of Capt. and Adjutant of the Boer Army who tried to shoot me, while I was attending a wounded Irish soldier, and such is the fate of Highlanders, however, we killed him first. I cried several times when I saw dear friends like stark and stiff. I enclose colours, Transvaal Boers; yellow represents Free State. Oh, we won as usual. Carpe diem! Some men fought like lions and died heroes, and now we are nearly cut off, shut up and beleaguered. Look out for "Illustrated London News, and Leader." The Boers are savages; good shots, but I fear the Canvas Convention have no respect. Expect another great battle to-morrow. Love to my Darling wife and child, and self.

YOUR AFFECTIONATE SON."

SIR FRANCIS CLERY.

SIR FRANCIS CLERY, who is one of the Generals in command of the British forces in South Africa, is a member of a Cork family. A contemporary mentions a romantic episode in the family history:—Towards the end of the last century General Clery's great grand-uncle, Henry Clary (the name was then spelt and is still pronounced in this fashion) went to France and established himself as a large wine merchant at Marseilles. He had a daughter, Desiree Clary, who was rich and pretty. She refused the hand of a young and penniless artillery officer from Corsica—his name was Napoleon Buonaparte. Her sister married Joseph Buonaparte, and became Queen of Spain. Desiree married Bernadotte and thus became Queen of Sweden. Desiree's grandson is the present King of Sweden; her great grandson is the Danish Prince who is married to the daughter of the Prince of Wales."

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 26.

THE Commercial Market was closed yesterday on account of the Christmas Holidays.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Gulf of Trinidad, 1,494 tons, Captain R M G Duncanson, arrived in harbour on Saturday, from Karachi, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Warora, 2,501 tons, Captain J Alexander, arrived in harbour on Monday, from Rangoon, 16th December, with a general cargo.

THE s s Mexican Prince, 1,552 tons, Captain W Penrice, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Nagasaki, (28th November,) via Karachi, with a cargo of 7,130 tons of kerosine oil in bulk.

THE B I S N Co's s s Fazilka, 2,698 tons, Captain G J Goss, arrived in harbour on Saturday from Calcutta, via Coast ports, with a general cargo. Mr. Mrs. and Miss Campbell, and 13 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Onipenta, 3,423 tons, Captain W H Walkeys, arrived in harbour on Monday from Calcutta, 4th December, via Coast ports, with a general cargo and four deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kebella, 1,468 tons, Captain A F Manwaring, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Calcutta, via Coast ports, with a general cargo, and Miss Cotton, and 32 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's ss Pashumba, 514 tons, Captain J Skinner, sailed yesterday for Karachi &c, with a general cargo, Mr Armstrong, Mr and Mrs D Forbes, Mr J Warrant, and 100 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kola, 497 tons, Captain J A Robertson arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, 23rd December, via Kathiawar Coast ports with a general cargo, and Mr and Mrs Padsha, Mr Lakhmidas Ramjee, and 0 deck passengers.

THE German East Africa Line s s Sultan, 1,721 tons Captain C Bohnsack, sailed yesterday, for Zanzibar &c, with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Mr W Ross, Babu Kanayal 1, Mr L D Wilson, Mr Sulle Mahomed Chakboo, Mr Suleman Sanjee, and 78 deck.

THE P and O S N Co's s s Clyde, Captain C T Denny, R N R, arrived from Shanghai. The following is the list of passengers:—Mrs M H Nicolson, Mr C H Yatman, Miss Watt, Mr L Haib, Mr J Fernando, Mr W Bateson, Mr Borrowdaile, Mr B Lloyd, Mr Trehalty, Mr Abdoolhusan, Major Trower, Captain C G Spencer, Mr S Pedrian, Miss L Wingate, Mr A G Hudson, and 3 deck.

THE s s Ancona, 3,183 tons, Captain W Coates, arrived in harbour on Sunday from Mauritius, brought a cargo of sugar and the following passengers:—Mr and Mrs Barnes, and three others, Mrs Dutoss, Miss Parell, Lieut Khan, and three others, 43 men R A and 12 deck. During the voyage she experienced a disturbance of cyclonic nature during the night of the 11th and morning of 12th December, after which fine weather.

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
24	Kerbella s	Manwaring...	Calcutta, Nov 21.
25	Ancona s	Coates	Mauritius, Dec 8.
Clyde s	Denny	Shanghai, Dec 18.	
26	Kola s	Robertson ...	Karachi, Dec 23.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
26	Sultan s	Bohnsack ...	Zanzibar, &c.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yester day:—
Steamer Mexican Prince, Penrice, for Port Said.
" Gulf of Trinidad, Duncanson, for Calcutta.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Stolzenfels, for Hamburg via Karachi.
" Henry Bolkow, for Persian Gulf.
" Okhla, for Calcutta, &c.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 26.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Hornby Castle s—2 bales wool, 35 Nathoobhoy; 57 bales wool, Ebjee Sewjee; 50 bales wool, 35 bales goat hairs, Abdulla Tayeb; 35 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co; 60 bales wool, Cooverjee Vusonjee; 1001 cwt myrabollams, H O H Hassam; 145 bales wool, Suleman Jan Mahomet; 189 bales wool, Tejmamdas; 102 bales wool, and 200 bales goat hair, M J Joomabhoy and Co; 58 bales wool, P A Wesul; 1003 cwt myrabollams, Megjee Valubdass; 2000 cwt bonemeal, A H Cassum and Co; 250 gunny cuttings Purshotum Bhimjee.

Peninsular s—29 bales hides and skins, Ewart Latham and Co; 149 bales, hides W and A Graham and Co; 109 bales hides, B Esmail; 83 bales hides, Ebrahim Sasoon and Co; 91 bales hides, H O H Hassum; 105 cwts mother of pearl shells, A H Moyoo and Co; 10 hogsheads Indian condiments, M M Cooverjee and Son; 16 bales hides, R Muncherjee Kooka; 9 bales hides, P Eduljee Boyoo; 44 cwts mother of pearl shells, Moledina Laljee.

Wagner s—41 cwt deer horns H O H Hassum; 36 cwt deer horns, B Esmail; 175 cwt olibanum, J M Rehimtoola; 21 cwt deer horns, B Esmail; 57 cwt turmeric M Mooljee and Co; 35 bales hemp, P Bulmjee.

FOR ANTWERP.

Wagner s—600 cwt copra cakes, Glade and Co; 100 cwt gum, Volkart Brothers.

Horatio s—1,010 cwt myrobollams, Jetha Premjee.

FOR HULL.

Horatio s—1,001 cwt myrabollams, E D Sassoon and Co; 2,001 cwt bonemeal A H Cassum; 1,003 cwt myrabollams, W Bacher; 1,003 cwt myrabollams, David Sassoon and Co; 1,001 cwt myrabollams H O H Hassum.

FOR HAMBURG.

Dan of Airlie s—110 bales cotton fly, Tyabjee and Co; 200 cwt bone pieces, Ahmed Haji Hassum.

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—1000 cwt gingelisseed, R Kaderbhoy.

Clan Macdonald s—1500 cwt gingelisseed, Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—601 cwt myrabollams, Huge Schwer and Co; 1200 cwt myrabollams, W Bacher.

FOR HONGKONG:

Pekin s—100 bales cotton, M H Essack Allias.

Hesperus s—49 cwt shark fins, Merzali Moorji; 101 cwt kismiss, 24 cwt sannaleaves, Yan Sung and Co; 75 cwt sharkfins, M J Joomabhoy and Co; 900 cwt onions, H O Abba; 50 cwt olibanum, C E Serrailler; 25 cwt sharkfins, H Alloomahomet; 191 cwt seedlac, P F Talati.

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By Order,
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Adjutant, B. V. A.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

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Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December, 1899, on 434 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Rs. 168 i matod.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	16,030	2,15,000	4,000	3,45,000
Or per mile of Railway	208	53.	9	748
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	19,55,093	48,82,559	53,642	66,6 ,294
Total for 23 weeks..	20,31,063	48,97,559	57,642	70 05,214
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	86,86	2,08 623	11 932	3,06,837
Per mile of Ry. do.	189	451	2	695
Total to corresponding date do.	17,11,466	36,15 519	84,371	54,11,385

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 38,173
Ditto to date ..... " 15,94,9 8

RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

(Includes the Rajputana, Holkar, Sindia-Neemuch, Rowari-Bhatinda and Cawnpore-Achnera State Railways.)

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	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,04 000	4,80,000	7,000	5,91,000
Or per mile of Railway	63	291	4	359
For previous 22 weeks of half-year	23,82,227	76,29,855	1,62,847	1,01,74,999
Total for 23 weeks...	24,86,227	81,09,855	1,69,847	1,07,65,999
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,22,600	3,10,093	4,455	4,37,148
Per mile of Ry do.	73	185	3	261
Total to corresponding date do. ..	28 21,071	49,21,518	1,47,032	78,97,621

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 1,53,852
Do. to date ..... " 28,68,378

GODHRA-RUTLAM-NAGDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 9th December 1899, on 141'74 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,290	20,300	50	23,550
Or per mile of Railway	21	141	..	167
For previous 22 weeks of half-year.	75,029	3,19,409	3,28	397,696
Total for 23 weeks ...	78,2,9	3,39,709	3,3.8	421,246
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	3,978	19,128	37	23,131
Per mile of Ry. do.	2	136	..	164
Total to corresponding date do.	81,940	3,62,190	3,585	447,715

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 417
Decrease to date ..... " 26,469

FEROZEPORE-BHATINDA RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 25th November, 1899, on 51'36 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	3,500	3,400	..	6,900
Or per mile of Railway	64	63	...	127
For previous 22 weeks	80,424	1,07,887	..	1,88,311
Total for 23 weeks.	83,924	1,11,287	..	1,95,211
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	...	...	...	...
Per mile of Ry. do.	...	...	...	...
Total to corresponding date do.	...	...	...	...

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GAYER—December 15, at Secunderabad, Deccan, the wife of Mr W A Gayer, of a son.

MEAD—December 17, at Mhow, Central India, the wife of Captain H R Mead, I S C, D A A G, for Musketry, of a son.

RASHLEIGH-BERRY—December 20, at Cawnpore, the wife of E R Rashleigh-Berry, of a daughter.

SAREL—December 18, at Jhelum, the wife of Lieutenant Sarel, 11th Bengal Lancers, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

RIEU—EDWARDS—December 14, at Holy Trinity Church, Karachi, by the Rev H S Nicolls, Jean-Louis Rieu, I C S, to Ida Augusta, youngest daughter of the late John Edwards, Esq., J P, of Knockrobin, Co. Wicklow.

DEATH.

DACOSTA—December 14, at his eldest daughter's residence at Simla, Mr. Charles DaCosta, late of Allahabad, aged 72 years.

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THE general belief that Sir Redvers Buller is quietly preparing for a fresh attack on the Boer position at Colenso is no doubt well founded. If it was necessary or even urgent to advance to the relief of Ladysmith a month since, it must be even more urgent now. On the 2nd December, the *Times'* correspondent at Ladysmith sent a message, via Maritzburg, stating that the situation was getting very grave; that the Boers were showing more system in their artillery fire, concentrating it upon given points with the result that great damage was done to the town and property. We know that about the time the Boers discovered the "vulnerable points" and dropped melinite shells on them with most disagreeable accuracy, the correspondent just mentioned stated that the garrison had against them three Creuzot six-inch guns, four 4·7 howitzers, long range field guns, and several mountain and automatic guns. He added that "our situation, for obvious reasons, is becoming more difficult every day. The general anxiety which is natural at such a period, and which was absent in the earlier phases of the siege, is now beginning to appear." At that date—December 2nd—rations were reduced all round. Relief was then expected from day to day, search-light communications having been received from "the column below." On the 26th November press correspondents had joyfully reported that General Hildyard was at Frere—where the bridge was utterly wrecked by dynamite—with 10,000 men and two batteries of artillery, and that the British front was apparently clear of the enemy. It was expected that this force would reach Colenso the next morning. That expectation was not realised; more than a fortnight had to pass before an augmented force under General Buller could move to Colenso. Yet the distance was only ten miles. It was the general expectation that after such elaborate preparations, the Commander-in-Chief would easily dispose of the Boer forces at Colenso suspected to be largely reduced by the departure of contingents to oppose Lord Methuen's advance on Kimberley. From Colenso to Ladysmith the distance is only seventeen miles; but the country is mountainous and difficult, and every hill is known to have been carefully fortified. Nevertheless if the Boers were crushed as every one expected at Colenso, the relief of Sir George White's force might have been confidently looked for in due course. Unfortunately all calculations were nullified by the failure of General Buller to force the passage of the Tugela, a failure embittered by heavy casualties and the loss of nearly all the guns of his two field batteries. The long delay in completing the preparations for the advance and the disastrous failure to make any impression on the Boer position at Colenso, and the retirement of General Buller to his camp at Chieveley to await reinforcements have naturally intensified the situation at Ladysmith, sufficiently grave a month ago. When December began, rations—already short—were reduced all round, although there was at that time the expectation that in "a few days" Sir Redvers Buller would have restored the communications and the time of trial would have come to an end. It is a legitimate inference that by this time the supplies must be very nearly exhausted and that everything will depend on the success of General Buller's second attack on the Boer entrenchments at Colenso and an uninterrupted and rapid march thence to Ladysmith. Meanwhile all that can be said may be best expressed in the words used by the *Times'* correspondent on the second day of this month: the situation is becoming grave and the prospect is not too pleasant.

If we turn our attention to the western frontier, it cannot be said that the prospect improves Lord Methuen, who has had to return to his camp on the Modder, while the Boers are in increased strength at Magersfontein. He reports that the position has been made impregnable and that he hopes their difficulties in provisioning their forces will compel the Boers to attack him. That is a sanguine expectation not likely to be realised. The Boers will not risk a defeat by attacking a large British force behind carefully elaborate entrenchments. Their purpose is served by keeping General Methuen's Division on the Modder and preventing him from advancing to the relief of Kimberley, to effect which he fought successively at Belmont, Graspan, Modder River and Magersfontein, losing heavily on each occasion. Those losses were incurred because it was known that the position at Kimberley, as at Ladysmith, was even a month ago so precarious that it was necessary to make every sacrifice to relieve the garrison. On the 26th November, Sir Alfred Milner notified the different Relief Committees in Capetown to be prepared for the speedy arrival of 10,000 refugees from Kimberley who were expected to come south as soon as the siege was raised by Lord Methuen and communications re-established. A month has elapsed since that notification was made by the High Commissioner, and the siege has not yet been raised, General Methuen confessing his inability to advance under present circumstances. It is over two months since the inhabitants and garrison of Kimberley were placed on siege rations; stores must be now very much reduced. Colonel Kekewich has conducted the defence with great skill and resource. But the trenches are being brought nearer, and though the bayonet attacks at night by small detachments of the garrison, have cost the Boers a good many lives, it is not stated that the trenches have been abandoned. The rifle-fire during the day has become more trying, and the artillery practice of the besiegers has improved. On the other hand, communication by flash-light was established between Lord Methuen's force and the besieged. The latter were very anxious when they received no news on the last night of November; it was impossible to signal because of the danger of attracting the Boers' shell-fire. The position, anxious and precarious four weeks ago, must be still more unfavourable now with General Methuen unable to move northward from his entrenched camp on the Modder River, which is apparently watched, or in military phrase, masked by the strong Boer force at Magersfontein. Their troops extend for six miles towards the river on our flank. From the Modder to Spytfontein, also entrenched by the enemy, is fourteen miles; from Spytfontein to Kimberley is eleven miles. The temptation to General Methuen to move forward and again try conclusions with the entrenched Boers must be very strong, especially as he must have by this time received considerable reinforcements from Capetown. It is conceivable that he may, by a sudden and unexpected movement, compel General Cronje either to come out and fight a battle in the open, or to remain in his entrenchment while the British force moves north and raises the siege. The danger of such a course would be in the opportunity thus given to the Boer General to cut Methuen's communications. That would place the British General in a position of considerable peril. It would be more prudent and more conducive to ultimate success for Lord Methuen to remain where he is until Sir Charles Warren's Division can reinforce the troops on the Modder and enable operations to be carried out on a large scale for the isolation of the Boers at Magerstein while a force relieves Kimberley from all anxiety as to its communications.

Whatever the eventual outcome may be under present circumstances we can only share the regret of a military expert writing on this problem in London, that it was found necessary to commit Lord Methuen to an advance on Kimberley. The same military authority, considering the situation at Mafeking on the 25th November, gave it as his opinion that the fact must be faced that it was very grave indeed. Mafeking, where Colonel Baden-Powell has held out so gallantly against great odds, is 225 miles from Kimberley, and it was impossible that General Methuen's advance on that town, even if successful in the early days of December, could have relieved Mafeking for another month. That month has now elapsed, and Methuen is still unable to get beyond the Modder. The relief of Mafeking can not now be looked for before the end of January. It is very doubtful, indeed, if Colonel Baden-Powell, with all his resource, can hold out so long. Provisions there are short, the water-supply is deficient, dysentery is prevalent, and the general health of the garrison suffers from the necessity of living practically underground to avoid the Boer shells which no longer refuse to burst. In November the *Times'* military expert truly said that it was impossible not to feel anxiety in regard to so protracted an investment, though he seemed to think that General Methuen's "continued advance" to relieve Kimberley would "in a few days" put an end to the suspense about Mafeking. The military authority, to whom we have before referred, refused to see comfort in such an anticipation, and regarding it as doubtful said that if the garrison have to lower their flag "no one will be to blame but the originator of the fatuous strategy which placed Baden-Powell in an open town more than 200 miles away from anywhere, placed Symons at Dundee, White at Ladysmith, and

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

QUIETNESS AT THE FRONT.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 25, 2-10, A.M.

There is absolutely a dearth of news from South Africa. General Sir Forester Walker, in an official despatch from Capetown, dated Sunday, the 24th instant, reports that there has been no material change at the seats of war.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

DISEASE AMONG THE BOERS' HORSES.

LONDON, DEC. 26.

Advices from Capetown, dated 20th inst., state that pink eye has appeared among the Boers' horses and also among General Gatacre's horses and at DeAar.

DYSENTERY AMONG THE TROOPS.

Dysentery is somewhat prevalent especially at Modder River.

JOUBERT RETURNS TO THE FRONT.

Advices from Pretoria, dated 18th inst., state that General Joubert has returned to the front after his illness.

THE SITUATION AT MODDER RIVER.

Official news from Capetown, dated 25th instant, states that the situation at Modder River is unchanged. Lord Methuen is well entrenched and the enemy is not molesting him.

OCCUPATION OF NORDRECHT.

General Gatacre reports that Colonel Dalgety, with 150 police, has occupied Nordrecht and the Boers are retreating.

NO FURTHER TROOPS FROM INDIA.

LONDON, DEC. 26.

The *Times* states that Government considers it undesirable to make further demands on the European garrison in India for service in South Africa unless unforeseen difficulties arise.

HOW LADYSMITH RECEIVED BULLER'S REVERSE.

A Reuter's despatch from Ladysmith, dated 20th inst., says that the news of General Buller's reverse was received with equanimity, and that everybody is confident the relief is only postponed for a short time. The garrison can hold out indefinitely.

SHELLING THE BOERS AT COLENSO.

The "Daily Telegraph," in a despatch from Chievely, dated the 19th instant, says the Boer trenches and works at Colenso were raked with lyddite shells for two hours that day, destroying the roadway of the bridge, and making it difficult for the Boer guns and wagons this side to re-cross.

THE BRITISH EAGER FOR BATTLE.

A Reuter's despatch from Chievely, dated the 20th inst., says that the Boer positions at Colenso were bombarded with lyddite shells for some hours that morning, but the enemy did not respond.

The British, the despatch adds, are eager to give battle.

BOER LOSSES AT THE BATTLE OF THE TUGELA RIVER.

LONDON, DEC. 25.

The Boer official account of the battle of the Tugela gives the Boer loss as thirty killed and wounded.

FRENCH AND GERMAN OFFICERS' OPINION ON THE BATTLE.

The French Colonel Villebris and the German Colonel Braun who were present at the battle, declare that European armies could not have done better.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE BATTLE.

BOER DEFENCES MOST SCIENTIFIC.

Belated accounts of the Tugela Battle show that the British Artillery fought for two hours exposed to a withering fire and the guns were only abandoned when the ammunition was exhausted and most of the officers had fallen. The Boer defences were most scientific, even the drifts being filled with submerged barbed wire.

ALLEGED INFERIORITY OF BRITISH GUNS.

A letter written by the "Standard's" correspondent at Ladysmith insists emphatically on the utter inferiority of the British Field Artillery which never get within effective range of the French and German guns and insists that it is imperative that England should have guns of longer range. They should be more mobile and should have a lighter equipment. The "Standard" in a leader strongly endorses its correspondent's remarks.

FIGHTING AT LADYSMITH.

Sharp fighting was heard on the 18th instant in the direction of Ladysmith.

An official despatch from Ladysmith, dated 23rd, states that five deaths have taken place from disease.

BRITISH CAMP AT CHIEVELY MOVED.

The British camp at Chievely has been moved a few miles further south in order to obtain a better water-supply, and also to avoid the shelling from the Boer guns on the hill to the left.

SEVERE MEASURES AGAINST SPIES.

Both General Methuen and General Gatacre have ordered severe measures to be taken to exclude spies from the neighbourhood of the camps.

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS IN THE CAPE.

News from Capetown states that a squadron of the 10th Hussars has been horsed and has proceeded to Naupoort, and the 63rd Battery has gone to Natal.

The Maplemore, with the composite Regiment of Guards on board, has arrived at Capetown.

THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S DESIRE TO GO TO THE WAR.

LONDON, DEC. 25.

The Duke of Connaught renewed his application to go to the war in South Africa and had obtained the consent of Lord Roberts to join his staff, but the Government did not approve of the arrangement.

THE SIEGE OF KURUMAN.

A *Times'* telegram from Modder River, dated the 18th inst., states that Kuruman is still held by a small force of police notwithstanding the renewed exertions of the Boers.

THE FREE STATE CAPITAL TO BE SHIFTED.

The Free Staters are credited with the intention of transferring the seat of Government from Bloemfontein to Winburg as the former city is undefended and not capable of being defended.

THE GENERAL SITUATION.

It is officially notified at Capetown that the general situation is unchanged.

THE POSITION OF THE FORCES AT MODDER RIVER.

LONDON, DEC. 24.

Reuter wiring from Modder River on the 18th, says the Boer entrenchments extend for twenty miles athwart the railway and they are still digging strong works.

The British camp is in a splendid position on an open plain, the nearest hill being five miles distant.

LORD KITCHENER.

Lord Kitchener has arrived at Malta and proceeded immediately to Gibraltar.

ARRIVALS OF TROOPS AT DURBAN.

During the past few days the 2nd Battalion of the Dorsets, the 1st Battalion of the South Lancashires, and the 63rd Battery have arrived at Durban.

THE TUGELA LOSSES.

NARROW ESCAPE OF GENERAL BULLER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 26.

An "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London 24th, reported from Chievely on the 17th, that the troops returned from Frere owing to a scarcity of water. At Tugela the British lost 1,168 men, of whom 330 are missing. General Buller was in the thick of the fight, exposing himself recklessly and had a narrow escape, a spent shrapnel shell grazing him. The Devons, under Colonel Bullock, rushed and captured a Zonga and were assisting the gunners to recover the guns, when they were surrounded by the enemy. Their old Colonel refused to surrender and was felled by a Boer with the butt end of a rifle.

Nine deaths from enteric have occurred amongst the Ladysmith garrison, which, however, is holding out stubbornly, General White declaring his ability to withstand the closest seige.

The Foreign Office warns British subjects and foreigners in England against trading with the enemy.

HORSE SICKNESS RIFE.

ALLAHABAD, DEC. 26.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires on December 26 as under:—

The following telegrams appear in the "Times":—Maritzburg, December 18.—The warlike feeling is very strong in Natal. General Buller's failure, while deeply regretted, has been taken quite calmly, and it is felt that whomsoever is to be blamed, it is not General Buller, his splendid troops, nor the regimental officers. The captured guns moreover were useless to the enemy.

Horse sickness has commenced. If it becomes rife in the enemy's lines, it will reduce materially the enormous advantage their mobility gives them in selecting positions and permitting their whole force to be employed in the fighting line without support. This superior mobility enables them to extend their fighting line beyond our capacity to properly contain them with infantry. For the same reason, they cannot be subjected to cross-fire. Their mobility also allows them rapidly to reinforce weak points from others in the fighting line.

Capetown, December 20.—Commandant de Meillon has escaped, and is now at large.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

THE NEW SIRDAR.

Colonel Wingate has been appointed Sirdar and Governor of the Soudan.

THE KHEDIVE'S PRAISE OF LORD KITCHENER.

An order of the Khedive expresses his appreciation of the valuable services of Lord Kitchener, resulting in the extinction of Mahdism and the reconquest of the Soudan.

OCCUPATION OF EL OBEID.

The Egyptian troops have occupied El Obeid.

DR. LEYDS IN PARIS.

Doctor Leyds has arrived in Paris, and is reported to be seeking an interview with M. Delcasse. His motive is not explained.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DEC. 24.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Egypt with the English Mails of the 15th instant, left here for Bombay, at 12 midnight.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

ADEN, DEC. 24.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Ula left here yesterday evening.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Cameron arrived here this afternoon.

COLOMBO, DEC. 24.

The s. s. Valetta arrived here from Bombay this morning.

The Austrian Lloyd's s. s. Sibenik sailed from Colombo for Trieste on the 23rd December afternoon.

The same Company's s. s. Vindobona, from Japan, sailed from Singapore for Bombay on the 24th December morning.

The N. Y. K. steamer Hiroshima Maru left Hong Kong for Singapre on the 26th instant.

THE CALCUTTA RACES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 23.

The Viceroy's Cup to-day proved an extraordinary upset. All competitors, except Moth and Vanitas, faced the starter, but Keenan bolted in a preliminary canter and went two and a half times round the course—a distance of five miles—before it could be pulled up, and accordingly did not run. The remainder got away to a good start, Cherry and Leonidas leading, with Merloolas in the middle, the pace for the first mile being exceedingly slow. On entering the straight, Cherry still led and won easily with Up-Guards second and Vedette third, Toxtette fourth, Meerloolas making little response when called upon and finishing nowhere. Time—3 min. and 8 secs.

The results in the remaining races were as follows:—

In the Dealers' Plate Dewilton came first, Hughie second, and Granite third. Won by two lengths.

The Eclipse Stakes was won by Lady Yestman with Tom Tit second, and Not Yet third. Won easily.

Beadsman came first in the Selling Handicap, and Our Jack second, and Marvel third.

In the Calcutta Stakes Kelso was the winner, Tubalcain was second with Malto third. A close finish.

In the Pavilian Stakes Ninepins came first, Pope second, and Redavni third. Won by half a length.

THE PRESIDENCY BANKS.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce have now reported on the Presidency Banks scheme. They are in favour of permitting the Presidency Banks to deal in securities not only of assisted railways and district boards but also in those of other sound concerns. Regarding the question of sufficiently or otherwise of the capital of Presidency Banks they think a conference of bankers and others interested might advantageously be held at an early date to discuss the whole matter including that of entrusting Presidency Banks with the management of paper currency and with power to issue legal tender notes—a procedure which they are disposed to think might with necessary safeguards prove a satisfactory means of relieving the financial pressure in the busy season.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR FUND.

Over Rs. 800 was collected for the Transvaal War Fund at the Cossipore Artillery Volunteer parade service on Sunday morning.

THE NIZAM'S VISIT TO THE VICEROY.

The Nizam of Hyderabad paid a state visit to H. E. the Viceroy this afternoon. A guard-of-honour of the 12th Bengal Infantry with band and colours was drawn up opposite the grand staircase of the Government House and received his Highness with the customary honours. The visit lasted for about a quarter-of-an-hour. On leaving the same honours were paid to the Nizam. A salute of twenty-one guns was fired from Fort William. Lord Curzon will pay a return visit on Friday.

Last night an evening party was given at Government House in honour of the Nizam. It was largely attended.

RELEASE OF THE NATU BROTHERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 26.

News has reached Poona from Belgaum that the Government have decided to release the Natus, and they have been set at liberty. The information was received with satisfaction in the city, and the Natus are expected to arrive in Poona in a few days. The terms of their release are not known, but it is supposed they have been set free unconditionally.

Sirdar Shrimant Balwantrao Natu and his brother Hari, released from parole, together with their immovable property, left Belgaum to-day. They are expected to arrive at Poona to-morrow. A number of people gathered before their house in the city this afternoon, making inquiries. The gathering departed in joy.

A PATHAN MURDERED.

A Pathan, named Fazul Apar, of the 25th Bombay Pioneers, was found murdered in a nullah, near the Sister's Hills, where the 4th Bombay Cavalry is encamped. The body was found to be headless and stark-naked, and the trunk had been mutilated in a dreadful manner near the body. The head was stowed away under a bush and fifty yards farther his clothes were found buried in a nullah. He was missing since the 24th instant. The murder has involved into a mystery, but judging from the character of the mutilations it is probably the upshot of a Pathan jealousy and vengeance.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT MINBU.

RANGOON, DEC. 26.

A gas explosion occurred on board the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company's steamer Pekin at Minbu to-day. The effect was terrible. Two of the crew were killed on the spot and two Burmese passengers died from their injuries.

THE INDIAN CONGRESS.

LUCKNOW, DEC. 24.

The meeting of the Indian Congress was held to-day, when the attendance was unprecedentedly large. It is computed there were 30,000 present, half of whom were Mahomedans of all classes. Seven thousand were inside the pandal, and the rest were addressed outside from six separate platforms. Resolutions, sympathising with the aims and objects of the Congress and expressing confidence in Mr. Wedderburn, the British Congress Committee, were enthusiastically passed. The demonstration is regarded even by opponents as the greatest triumph achieved by Congress.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THE UNIVERSITY TRIAL EIGHTS.

NEXT SEASON'S CRICKET.

THE 'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH.

LONDON, DEC. 8.

The trial eights which the O. U. B. C. rowed at Moulsford on Saturday were more accurate in style than those of last year, and especially so when they came to racing. They raced at a slower rate than the 1898 crews, and this may have had something to do with the better shape which they managed to display. The crews of 1898 were hustled more severely and were rowed to rags at the finish of their race; while those of Saturday took matters more steadily. But, while this year's shape is neater than that of 1898, there does not seem to be any great advance in the quality of the material. There was no great supply of new heavy-weights, and the merit of the two eights lay more in their general uniformity than in their individual physique. Neither of the strokes are class enough for a good Putney crew. The losing stroke Cavendish, has the easier style and more elastic recovery; but in the race his reach was much too short to do justice to the long men behind him. The winning stroke, Rowley, has a stiffer action, but hammered away with a faster stroke than his opponent after the first half-mile of the course. He seemed to owe his win entirely to this; as he got in some ten more strokes during the race, which about amounted to his lead of a length and a half at the finish. He reached out the better of the two strokes, but his body action was more disjointed, and not the sort of swing to produce a rhythmical action in a crew over a Putney course. If Oxford are to produce a crew of good stamp next Easter they will have to find some other stroke than these, or to effect some radical change in the styles of them. If the easier recovery of Cavendise could be combined with the longer reach and harder work of Rowley, something more like a correct stroke could be produced.

The best performer, for work and style all round was the winning No. 5 (Grimston). He was in the Eton eight of last summer. He so far looks to be the only good candidate for No. 7 next term. The losing No. 5 (Kittermaster) is a much improved oar, but is still too backward for 'Varsity racing. He would be worth persevering with, but for this deficiency of training, on the off-chance of his moulding into shape. Thornhill, of Magdalen, rowed fairly. He might just make a No. 2 or a boy. Marsden, of Corpus, another 7 of Saturday (and son of the Oxford stroke of 1867) may also make a middle-weight oar for the crew. The like may be said of Sinclair, of Corpus, No. 4 on Saturday, but, as to heavy-weights, at present, the only one that is up to racing at Putney is Grimston. If Astor, who rowed for Eton in 1897-98, could get over medical vetos, he would be worth a trial, and would probably obtain a seat. There are five old blues said to be ready to row again—Johnson, Warre, Hale, Steel and Tomkinson. Hale and Steel rowed on Saturday, each a No. 6. Steel and Tomkinson ought to improve on their form of last year, as shown at Putney and Henley, and if there were a good supply of new material would be in danger of being shelved unless they improve. Of the new light weights, there is a good candidate for bow in Etherington Smith, br ther of the Cantab blue, and son of an Oxonian Grand Challenge winner of 1883. Beresford-Pierce at No. 2 in the losing boat looked more like a stroke than either of the oarsmen who filled their posts; but he is not so powerful as Rowley. Unless Gold can be persuaded to row again the prospects of Oxford are not very good, if only for want of a stroke. If he can take his old seat, with Grimston 7, Hale 6, Johnson 5, and Warre 4, there will be a good nucleus, and the other seats can be filled with one or more of the other old blues, or some of the new candidates. N. B. MacLagan, the coxswain of Oxford last Easter, must be more careful at Putney than he was in Saturday's race. There was a slight foul, and the old blue was the culprit not the young hand, Jacomb Hood (from Radley), of the other crew.

Last year's Cambridge trials were good; this year's were better, showing a marked advance in all-round style, the special points being excellent body work in combination with good leg work. Two or three years ago, and back beyond that, no Cambridge oar seemed to be able to swing at all. Now they all try to swing, and nearly all succeed, the beginning of the stroke being particularly well taken with a strong, solid, springy heave-back of shoulders and body. The general style in which these two crews paddle and rowed reflects the greatest possible credit on Goldie, the President. So good was the action that for a fortnight before the race he had not made any change in the crews, and there was never more than a difference of two seconds in the trial courses they had rowed in practice. The style in which the men raced—and the race, it must be remembered, was a desperately hard one—reflects high credit on the men themselves. Not a single man of the whole lot "cracked" during the race, but all rowed to the end with the greatest dash and determination. Maitland, the winning stroke, was a revelation. He has beautiful boby-action swings with a perfect balance from his hips, and gives his hips, and gives his men a good rhythm. There has not been seen so genuine a Putney stroke for many a year. At present his blade is allowed to sink to deep, thus giving a fallacious impression of shortness to his work in the water; but as a matter of fact his stroke is a very long one. His judgment in a race is first-rate. He and Brooke (No. 7 of the losing crew) stand out head and shoulders above the rest. Cockerell, the loosing stroke, is a hard worker and a very plucky oar, but he is not a born stroke. Young and Ford, the two heavy-weights, have yet a good deal to learn in the proper application of their great strength. Taylor, the Eton freshman, lacks what most of the others possessed, viz., body-swing, and thus handicaps himself. His leg-work is strong, and he rows pluckily and hard. Parker, the Radley freshman, rowed in uncommonly good style, and did plenty of work. With the extra strength that another year will add, he will be an extremely valuable man. Western, the winning No. 6, also rowed very well. Of last year's 'Varsity crew all except two (Calvert and Etherington-Smith) are in residence and available. Etherington-Smith may perhaps be able to come up on an emergency. In any case, however, Maitland will have to be tried for stroke, and a place (most likely No. 3) will probably be found for Brooke. J. A. Campbell, the captain of the Rugby football team—the giant who did such fine work in the First Trinity Thames Cup winners—will have a trial. There is, in fact, almost a superfluity of good material at Cambridge this year.

The most surprising feature of the matches played in the League competition on Saturday was the inability of Sheffield United to do more than draw with Glossop. The latter team are almost at the bottom of the list, and it was unfortunate for the Sheffielders that they did not win. They still, however, maintain their unbeaten record, and are easily at the head of the League table of results. Aston Villa, on the other hand, gained a brilliant victory over Preston North End by five goals to nothing, while other notable victories were those of Sunderland over Notts County by a similar margin, and of Everton over Derby County by three goals to nil. Stoke defeated Mancheater City by a goal to nothing; and Burnley beat Liverpool by two goals to one. Bury went to West Bromwhich and beat the home team by a goal to nothing.

Several matters of exceptional interest figured on the agenda of the council meeting of the Ladies' Golf Union, at Cox's Hotel, Jermyn-street, London, on Tuesday. Mr. Talbot Fair (Formby), occupied the chair. Miss H. M. Frere's proposal to institute a qualifying round of 36 holes, by either stroke or "bogey" play, in the championship, with a view to simultaneously disposing of the majority of the second-rate players, and to preventing the frequency of "walks-over," was lost. Next year's championship was fixed to take place on the links of the Royal North Devon Club, at Westward Ho! in the week commencing May 14 or 21. The rules and regulations which had been drawn up for county matches were passed unanimously. A proposal by Mrs. Jessop Hulton that Miss Issette Pearson be given a small quarterly allowance to cover the expenses of her secretarial duties was carried unanimously. It was decided to play off the annual competition for the Ladies' Golf Union's handicap medals at the open meeting to be held by the Lytham and St. Anne's Club, on April 3, 4, and 5.

The annual meeting of county cricket secretaries for the arranging of fixtures was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Pavilion at Lord's. Mr. F. E. Lacey, Secretary to the M. C. C., was in the chair, and there were present representatives from most of the counties. In accordance with previous announcements, fixtures were made for two teams that will be touring in this country next season—one from South Africa and the other from the West Indies. Lord Hawke acted on behalf of the West Indians, and Mr. Frank Mitchell for the South Africans. The tour of the West Indian team will not extend over the whole season, the first match being fixed for the 11th of June and the last for the 10th of August. The South Africans start earlier, and go on playing till later in the summer. With no Australian eleven here, next season will emphatically be one of county cricket. In nearly all directions there is a tendency to play an even greater number of matches than before, and, apart altogether from the presence of the South Africa and West Indian players, the summer will be an extremely busy one. Mr. W. G. Grace has succeeded in arranging a capital series of matches for the London County Club, his first engagement being with Surrey at the Oval on Easter Monday. There will be a large number of benefit matches next season; among the players who will receive recognition being J. T. Hearne, Prockwell, Walter Mead, Arthur Shrewsbury, Martin, Mold, and Soar. Shrewsbury, who had a benefit at Nottingham in 1893, is to have half the Surrey and Notts match at Trent Bridge on Whit Monday.

The University Rugby football match has not yet become so fashionable nor so well-known as the older institutions, the cricket match and the boat race. Whereas a boat race was rowed in 1827, and a cricket match played in 1829, there was no Rugby match between in Universities until 1872. There is some doubt still as to the exact date when the match was first played. In the Oxford annals we find a record of a twenty a side match played against Cambridge; but the Light Blues of the early seventies disclaim such a match, and maintain that the first inter-University took place in 73. But we may remark that Oxford won the 72 match. The organization of Rugby football was at that time not so elaborate as it is now, and chiefly depended on the old boys of Rugby and Marlborough. In the Oxford rules we find that the captain, the secretary, and one of the three committee men must always be old Rugbeians. This rule held good for seven years, since which time P. Coles is the only Rugbeian to captain the Oxford side through a whole season. It was in 1875 that a change was made to fifteen a-side. At that time there were two full backs, one three-quater, and two half-backs, but in 1877 another three quarter was added, which arrangement held good until the reformer Vassall appeared to add still another three-quater and play with one full back. Until 1893 there was no further change in the order of the backs in the 'Varsity match. Then we come to the four three quarter game—a style anathematized by all older players and by not a few of the younger generation too. We have to a great extent by the last change driven out much of the individualism of back play, which was as delightful to watch and quite as good football as the passing of the present day, which so often ends in the wing man being bored into touch by his centres.

The match has been played on various grounds: Richmond, the Oval, Blackheath, and Queen's Club having all in turn been the scene of play. Now the game, in common with the Association match and the Sports, takes place at Queen's Club—a central and perfectly suitable place in many ways. Of the more famous teams that have played, first place must undoubtedly be given to the Oxford sides which played when H. Vassall—now a master at Repton, where Association is played—was in residence. In 1882, for instance, Oxford had no fewer than twelve resident International players, and four more Oxford men gained their caps in the next season. So, to put an International fifteen in the field it would have been necessary to play four three-quarters—then a thing unknown. Their names are as follows:—A. B. Tristram (back); G. C. Wade, G. C. Lindsay, A. M. Evanson, C. P. Allen (three quarters), A. Rotherham, A. G. Grant, Asher (halves); H. Vassall, J. G. Walker, W. M. Tatham, R. S. Kindersley, C. S. Wooldridge, E. L. Strong, E. J. Moore, E. D. Court, with W. R. Richardson—also an International—as umpire. It must be remembered that all these men were resident at the same time Probably the best-known Cambridge team was that captained by E. B. Brutton in 1883, of which at one time and another no less than fourteen members played for their counties. Yet though the names of these men are well known to the comparative few who take an interest in the history of Rugby football, they do not convey to the general public the same meaning as the names of their fellow sportsmen in the cricket field. An enthusiastic youth might perhaps be able to tell you that W. O. Moberley played cricket for Gloucestershire, but how many know that he was Captain of the first Oxford Rugby team. Neither can the University Rugby match point to a long list of men whose names are famous at the Church and Bar, as the boat race and cricket match have done. But we must have time. These things will follow in due course. We may perhaps find that the Rugby match will give us famous school-masters and famous doctors rather than barristers and bishops. In the heart of the undergraduate the Rugby match holds a high place, and he turns up year after year in great force at the Queen's Club to show his enthusiasm for his side. The match itself is seldom particularly interesting, from a spectator's point of view, but it is always a hard-fought game, where such a thing as unfairness does not exist. There has never yet been any accident of account in the history of the game. There are no tricks of white flag or red cross here.

A DEFENCE OF THE WAR OFFICE.

MR. WALTER LONG and Sir Ralph Knox have both been speaking at the Mercer's Hall. Mr. Long, replying for her Majesty's Government, referred to the war with the two Boer republics. "Until the ultimatum of the Boers was presented," he said, "and thus brought matters to a head, and made war a necessity, he had entertained the hope that war might be avoided. There was no more peace-loving body in the world than her Majesty's Ministers, and if there had been any means of avoiding war there was not one member of her Majesty's Government, but would have been ready to adopt such means. The policy of the Transvaal Government had denied the English born in that State any rights of citizenship, and had made their life intolerable and impossible. Speaking now for the Government, he could say that they were determined to prosecute this war with all possible vigour, and to use every means and all resources to bring it to an early termination. When the time for settlement came they were likewise determined that no man should say that British troops and British treasure had been sacrificed in vain. He himself was convinced that the Government would go down to posterity as the one that had brought together—he would not say into alliance, but into an understanding—peoples who had the same origin, the same aims, and the same ambitions. The speech of Sir R. Knox decried much of its importance from the fact that he belongs to the War Office. There is a very strong popular belief that under the War Office censorship some telegrams from the seat of the war have been "doctored" and others kept back. On the latter point Sir R. Knox said "he had no news to communicate to them, and for the simple reason that every item of news received at the War Office had been communicated to the British public the instant it had been received." Turning next to the South African situation, he said that the "War Office had been maligned for many years, and this they had borne in silence. The War Office had shown in this crisis, however, a power of forethought and a power of organization which had never been equalled in any war conducted by this or any other country. We had sent out in batches 86,000 men. The reserves called out had assembled within a fortnight of the order being given. Within fifteen days 20,000 of them were afloat and on their way to South Africa. Immediately after the disaster near Ladysmith a brigade was mobilised, and within a week it had sailed. Another Division had been ordered. That also was upon its way. This was what the War Office had been working for years, and had the War Office not been preparing itself all that time such a result would have been absolutely impossible. One-half of the Reserves only had been called out. The other half was still available, and, beyond that, the Militia was still ready to meet emergencies, should they be required. Speaking of the artillery, he said every gun in South Africa was a converted quick-firer, and judging by the number of rounds they had expended in recent battles, he thought it would be a long time before guns would do more than they had done. The country had spent money upon the British military organization and he contended that England had now been shown that it had got its money's worth."—Our London Correspondent.

MORE INDIAN TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

BESIDES the three vessels already chartered, the Dockyard authorities took up eleven more vessels yesterday. In all, fourteen steamers have been chartered to convey a cavalry regiment, two batteries and 2,000 horses. The vessels are as follows:—Lindula, Nairong, Fazilka, Urlana, Ujina, Lawada, Umta, Scindis, Sirdhana, Uganda, Pundua, Putiala, Fultala, and Purnea. The first three vessels are in Bombay and are being fitted up, and will be ready by Saturday next. The steamer Uganda will sail with horses from Calcutta. The definite dates of sailing of the vessels are not yet known.

The following are the names of the Officers of the 16th Lancers:—Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Aylmer, Commanding Majors S. Fremen, J. Oswald and L. Stamer; Captains H. P. Kirkpatrick, G. P. Wyndham, E. De G. Beaumont, A. G. Dallas, R. F. A. Sloan-Stanley, M. L. MacEwen, E. Bagwell Purefoy and C. M. Dixon; Lieutenants R. L. Macalpine Leny, I. Hart, G. E. Tuson, A. E. Fincastle, J. Laing, E. F. Macnaghten, R. W. D. Bellew, C. J. Eccles, G. Hutton-Riddell, R. Haig, C. L. K. Campbell and A. E. Hesketh; 2nd-Lieutenants J. B. R. Russell, C. E. St. J. Harris, C. F. Vander-Byl, Hon'ble C. M. Evans-Freke, A. Neane and R. N. Fowler.

A COOLGARDIE telegram states that an extraordinary story has been told by Ralph Clarke, a miner, to the effect that his mate, William Patterson Murdoch, tried to murder him on Nov. 30. The two men are owners of the Champion lease. Clarke alleges that when he was ascending the ladders, and on nearing the top, Murdoch struck him a heavy blow on the head with a stout mulga stick, 2 feet long. Clarke was forced to the bottom of the shaft, and made several attempts to climb the ladder again, and on each occasion, he alleges, he was beaten back with stones. He was, he says, kept imprisoned from Thursday night to Sunday morning. On Saturday, Clark further alleges, Murdoch attached a lighted fuse to four plugs of dynamite, which he threw to the bottom of the shaft, and Clarke seized the burning fuse, which he cut 3 inches from the explosive material. On Sunday morning, Clarke who was, he asserts, suffering from hunger and thirst, determined to make a final attempt for life and liberty. He ascended to the 100 feet level, and found that Murdoch had gone. He then made his way to the top, and went to the camp of a neighbour. The police have arrested Murdoch on a charge of attempted murder. When Clarke was taken to the hospital he was caked with blood and in an emaciated condition. The doctors cannot say what developments will ensue.

ADVICES from Labuan state that Mat Salleh, with 200 men, is at Pappar, where there is a strong fort, in which Messrs. Atkinson and Dansey, together with only 40 Sikhs, are stationed.

THE further estimates of the Government Statistics of New South Wales, dealing with a section of the wheat crop, and now completing the estimate for the colony, show an expected total yield of 12,800,000 bushels.

PRESIDENT McKINLEY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

WRITING under date Dec. 8th, our London Correspondent says:—The Message of the President of the United States to which I have already alluded has attracted a good deal of interest on this side of the Atlantic. The "Daily Telegraph," in a leading article, says:—"There is, however, one feature about it which differentiates this latest Message from its predecessors. For the first time an all but formal admission is made that the United States have been drawn into the outer eddies of the vortex of what for convenience' sake may be called Eastern politics. The Monroe doctrine has for many years been the charter of America with regard to matters external of the great Western Hemisphere, and there are very many Americans to-day who would still insist upon its rigorous observance. But the more far-sighted amongst our kinsmen recognise that great nations, like individuals, are more often than not the creatures of circumstances beyond their control. . . . The President renews his recommendation to appropriate the necessary sum for a Commission to study the commercial and industrial conditions of China, and report regarding the opportunities for and the obstacles to the enlargement of the markets of China for the raw products and manufactures of the United States. Here we have the real reason for the partial abandonment of the Monroe doctrine. It is the Far East—rather than the question of Cuba, which might be considered as coming within its scope—that is driving the United States into political association with other Powers. So far as this country is concerned, there will be no apprehension, but rather unqualified satisfaction, at the new departure. For such it is, in fact, though not in form. So long as the principle of "open door" is adopted and respected there will be no necessity for combinations or alliances of the different Powers interested in the future development of China. Nevertheless, it would be blindness itself to assert that the system which at present prevails will always continue. Should it be ignored and attempts be made to secure separate and exclusive advantages for trading or other purposes, then, as a matter of sheer necessity, those who are common interests were menaced would have to combine to defend them. Combination would be useless if those who joined together were not prepared to contribute their respective quotas to the work. Great Britain, the United States, and Germany are on principle the most concerned in the maintenance of the open door, and that is all that is implied in the use of the word "alliance," about which so much unnecessary fuss has been made; and it may be remarked in parenthesis that President McKinley himself used the word "allied" in speaking of the relations of the United States and France." The "Telegraph's" Washington correspondent cables:—"Even the opponents of the existing Administration find little to criticise in President McKinley's Message read to Congress to day. The feature of the address in which most interest was manifested is its reference to the future government of the Philippines. While avoiding direct recommendations, its tone is distinctly in favour of the permanent retention of the islands. Independence under a protectorate, which is Mr. Bryan's idea, is distinctly scouted. President McKinley has avoided all criticisms of the Anti-Expansion element by refraining from any direct advocacy of a permanent retention of the islands. He has indicated his purpose, however, in favouring the maintenance of America's supremacy, which meets with the approval of his party, and is conducive to the business interests of the country, irrespective of party. Friendly feeling towards Great Britain is manifest in the paragraphs relating to the Canadian boundary dispute and to the Boer-British war, although in the latter there is, of course, a declaration of strict neutrality. All the financial references of the Message are more strongly in defence of the gold standard than any previous similar document, and indicate the purpose of the Republican party to force that as the chief issue in the next Presidential campaign. The Message calls forth high praise from the leaders of his party, and the Democrats admit it is a strong, able State paper." In a leading article the "Daily Chronicle" says:—"President McKinley's Message may be scanned in vain for any revelation of foreign policy. It breathes a spirit of goodwill towards all nations. . . Towards Germany Mr. McKinley's friendly expressions have quite a noteworthy emphasis; and if his tone is a shade cooler in his references to this country, we owe it to the mischievous exaggerations of Mr. Chamberlain. But for the performance at Leicester the Message would probably not have contained a sentence which has evidently been hurriedly dropped into a paragraph without any consideration of its bearing on the context. Between a harmless statement of American neutrality in the South African war and an equally harmless suggestion that mediation would have been offered had the combatants asked for it, comes this significant reminder: 'We have remained faithful to the precept of avoiding entangling alliances as to affairs not of direct concern.' Such a passage, in juxtaposition to the affirmation of neutrality between Britons and Boers, almost implies that we had expected American help in South Africa. That can scarcely be Mr. McKinley's meaning. He wanted to say something in answer to Mr. Chamberlain, and we might almost conclude that, not knowing where to put it in his Message, by pure inadvertence he landed it in the most awkward place. The best that can be said for the indiscretion at Leicester is that it is nearly capped by the indiscretion at Washington. This sort of diplomacy seems to be catching. A cable from the "Chronicle's)" Washington correspondent says:—"Although up to the present time the written assurances demanded by the Government of the United States from the great Powers, respecting the maintenance and integrity of American treaty rights in China, have not been received, verbal assurances to that effect have already been given by England and Germany. The verbal assurances of Germany which have just been received in Washington are similar to those of Great Britain. Pourparlers are still proceeding with France and Russia. They have not yet progressed far enough to indicate what their result will be, although the State Department believes that those Powers cannot refuse to give assurances similar to those so promptly offered by Great Britain and Germany. The action of Germany is regarded by the Administration as virtually bringing to a successful conclusion the contention for which the United States Government has been striving. The fact of the receipt of Germany's reply and its nature are not known outside limited official circles. When Germany's compliance is generally known, it will doubtless strengthen the prevalent public belief at the present time that a clear understanding exists between Great Britain, the United States and Germany, especially in regard to Chinese affairs. The President's silence on this subject in his annual Message arises from the consideration that the negotiations are still in progress. The results achieved will form the subject of a special message to Congress. The President's Message is regarded as flat; its chief characteristic is its inordinate length. His declarations on finance are regarded as colorless; his views on trusts are equally colorless; they are largely quotations from President Harrison's and President Cleveland's messages. Only when treating of the Philippines does President McKinley speak in positive terms. It is understood that part of the Message was not written by the President himself but Mr. Secretary Hay."

MILITARY NOTES.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL MACDONALD will have the temporary rank of Major-General while commanding the 3rd Brigade in South Africa.

The Government of India have ruled that the families of soldiers who have gone to South Africa may, in the case of women whose relatives are domiciled in India, be granted free passages to their homes. They will also be granted free passages to join their corps when the latter return to India. This concession is granted on the understanding that the families will cease to draw subsistence allowance from the date they leave their stations.

Owing to the cessation of the trooping season the Secretary of State has authorised the grant of passage to England by private steamer for the families of departmental warrant and non-commissioned officers who may retire or be invalided this season.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 26th December, 1899.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	24	10	28 a.m.	29	48
Teheran	26	12	45 p.m.	1	47
Suez	26	2	25 p.m.	0	41

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 26th December, 1899

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	...	51	...	1
" Karachi	...	12	...	2
" Madras	...	26	...	4

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 25th December, 1899.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29·390
Temperature of the air	degrees 78·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	" 68·2
Dew Point	" 57·4
Relative humidity of Air	" 0·612
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	" 0·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 83·3
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	" 69·0
General Direction of wind*	NE, ENE, NE, NW, NNW, N.
Movement of wind in 24 hours*	miles 249

BUCEPHALUS AND DOROTHEA.

A SKETCH.

For some few days after the great run Bucephalus was too stiff to do more than take gentle exercise in the paddock; but when he heard that he had missed nothing good ran he became impatient.

"You will take me to Bowden Coppice?" he asked me two or three days before the meet; but I made no promises, and if it had not been for Dorothea he would have stayed at home. But Dorothea was importunate. She insisted and persisted and reiterated her request upon every available opportunity.

"Why should I not see hounds—I can ride?" And to a certain extent this statement was true. After twelve months' tuition she had obtained a complete mastery over her hack, a showy chestnut with bad hocks and a long tail to which she had allotted the absurd name of Mignon. She had bought Mignon from her brother. The beast could canter, she could walk, and she certainly looked very pretty, but that was all. If asked to gallop she made a noise like a decrepit steam siren, and her ideas of jumping were peculiar and untrustworthy. When she was put at a fence she refused. Yielding to coercion, she faced it trembling; took off anywhere within ten yards of the obstacle; jumped very high and very short; fell on her head; struggled up and stood still, with enough foam about her body to fill a beer vat. Mignon was no hunter, but, as Dorothea said, she had a longer tail than any other mare in the neighbourhood and was therefore priceless. When I came downstairs on the morning of the Bowden Coppice meet I found Dorothea in her habit, choking herself, after the manner of ladies, with a hunting tie.

I am going to-day," she said, with a hairpin in her mouth, without looking round. "Oh," I replied more than a little piqued because I had not been consulted, "what are you going to ride?"

"Bucephalus."

"What!" I was too much astonished to say anything more; and although the simile of the tomtit and the round of beef occurred instantly to my mind, I suppressed it. Changing her ground deftly, Dorothea continued, "I don't see why I shouldn't. He's a dear kind thing, and he wouldn't hurt a baby. I've heard you say so yourself. And Mignon's a fool, and you're riding Gingerbread, and I mean to go, and I'm going to ring the bell and give the ——"

Of all sportsmen hunting men are the most selfish, and while my wife was talking I had been weighing up the changes of a good day. Coming to the conclusion that a quick thing was improbable, I capitulated with the air of an early Christian martyr.

"You shall go, my dear; I will look after you myself"; and I went out to the stables. I found Bucephalus lying down, but as soon as he saw my breeches he got up. "Do we go to-day?" he inquired, pawing the straw.

"We do," I said, not quite knowing how to tell him what was going to happen. He roused the stable with a whinny of delight. "But you will be ridden by Dorothea; I shall ride Gingerbread." He turned his head as far round as the length of his headstall would allow, and gazed at me in astonishment; then he laughed a hoarse laugh.

"Why, you'll never see her, and she'll make me back sore; still, I'll try; only don't give her a spur." Just then Dorothea came out to conduct her own case and knowing that she could persuade anything human much better than I could, I left.

I have seen horses look pooh, but I never saw any animal exhibit such an amount of importance as Bucephalus showed when Dorothea had been safely placed in her saddle. He held his head up, walked quite a mile an hour faster than usual, and passed a traction-engine without even a wink. "If you only had hands like this," he said, playing with his bit, "I should never fall down, never"; and the truth of the remark deprived me of a retort.

Bowden Coppice lies on the side of a hill. A long, narrow strip of wood, thick with bracken and gorse, and sheltered from the north wind by the slope of the ground; if a fox had designed a shelter for himself he could not have done it better. Feeling that duty called me, I allowed the Colonel, Cleu Baker, the brewer, and two of the pupils to gallop away up the side of the cover as far as the Master would allow them, and waited with Dorothea in the road; while Bucephalus rested his head on the top of a gate and watched.

There he goes!" cried Dorothea, excitedly, but I blinked, for it was an old hare making his way over the hill, and a woman," said Bucephalus, and for a wonder the Coppice was drawn blank. "Never knew that to happen before," Bucephalus remarked, as he pushed open the gate with his chest. As we cantered over the fields to the next cover I suddenly remembered that Dorothea had never jumped a fence; and that, unless we were to be lost as soon as they "found," she would have to learn. A plain flight of hurdles divided us from the next field; the Master and the majority of the field were hidden from view by a thick bullfinch; such a chance might not offer itself again.

"We are to jump these," I told Dorothea, and I saw her lips tighten, and a little of the colour leave her face as Bucephalus reared up slightly and took hold of his bit. "Steady!" I shouted. When we came within a few yards the old horse dashed away. Pulling himself together, he slackened his speed, measured his distance to a nicety, and landed more lightly than it seemed possible for such a big animal. Dorothea never moved in her saddle. "That's grand," she said, laughing. "Let's have another." So we cleared a plain thin fence side by side. "Just you leave her to me," Bucephalus chuckled, "she'll be all right, I'll take care of her."

We had reached the cover, and this time there was no mistake about it. Almost the first couple of hounds which entered the gorse began to feather, and soon the whole pack were screaming; it was only a small place, hardly an acre, but it was very thick. "I see him," cried Dorothea, when the brown body of the fox became visible as he cleared a clump of gorse only a few yards ahead of the pack. The Master was standing close to us, looking the picture of agony. "They'll chop him"—he thumped his horn on the saddle. "Bootjacks and breech-paste! They'll chop him! Oh, fiad!" as one hound, faster than the rest, made a vicious snap at his brush. But it was not to be. Doubling cleverly the fox ran down the side of the cover, and slipping about under the feet of our horses, got away, crossed the brook at the bottom, reappeared on the other side, and quickly vanished among some turnips. Dorothea was shaking with excitement and had more colour in her face than I ever remember to have seen there before. Bucephalus, instead of tossing himself about and dancing a jig with his feet, stood like a statue. A short time and the hounds picked it up again; in a few seconds they were splashing through the brook and racing up the opposite slope.

"This way," said the Master, "we don't want to get wet"; and swinging open a hand gate he led us through the cover and again over a little fence which Bucephalus jumped very big. Dorothea cried "Oh!" once, and looked round to see if anybody had heard her, but I held my tongue discreetly and she appeared much relieved.

Although they were close behind him, the scent was not good, and a hard canter was sufficient to keep us in our places; several of the hard-riding division emerged from the brook in a state of moisture and mud; the Colonel was fighting with an immense raw-boned thoroughbred which he had bought off the "Flat" at Warwick, who went at his fences a thousand miles an hour and then forgot to jump.

"The worst of these thoroughbreds is that they are so rash," the Colonel explained after he had taken two tosses in six fields. Dorothea had deserted me and I could see Bucephalus taking his fences with the placidity of a cow on the right, while every now and then when he jumped a little bigger than usual Dorothea would seem to be shot up out of the saddle, but as she always found it again it did not matter. Soon the scent died away, and a keen east wind sprang up.

"I've had enough," said Dorothea, looking very tired and a little untidy, but radiant with pleasure. "Bucephalus is a darling; let's go home now." so we cantered home through the twilight, and the old horse held up his head higher than ever.

IGNORANCE IN GERMANY.

That the German newspapers have succeeded in keeping their readers singularly ignorant of the large numbers of troops which the British Government can dispose of for the prosecution of the war in South Africa is shown by the letter which we give below, which was received the other day by a City firm having business relations with Germany.

The writer is evidently quite in earnest, and in his simplicity believes that his services and those of his comrades will be accepted with effusion by the British War Office. Though he obviously believes that we are so weak as to have to hire foreign mercenaries to fight our wars, some glimmerings of reason convinces him that we are destined to conquer in the end.

The poem is one which appeared in a German newspaper and expresses the sentiments of the most rabid German Anglophobes.

We find it amusing if not instructive:

[*Translation.*]

LEIPZIG, November, 5 1899.

To the British War Office, London.

Not every German is of the opinion expressed in the enclosed Newspaper cuttings. The poem fine though it is, will not influence our high-minded Emperor. I know several former soldiers, one of them a sergeant, who would be willing to serve for England, since sooner or later, England will be the victor. Might I be informed of the address of a recruiting officer? Or what would England pay to German volunteers of this sort? Would they be entitled to a pension in case of being wounded? I may add that all the three who have definitely made up their minds to join are excellent marksmen. They have been out of work for some time on account of the strike. They would like to work, but are not allowed. They have no home ties. If money for the journey were sent we could be in London by the end of the week. But I should like to have just enough time before starting to visit a friend, Gustav Busch, at Basle. Awaiting an early reply, &c., &c.

G. P. M.

"DO NOT GO TO ENGLAND."

The Grandenzer Gesellig dedicates to the Emperor the following poem, "which will find an echo in every German heart:"

At other times, Sire, when the standard fluttered
High from the masthead, going out to sea,
The united farewells lovingly were uttered
From where thy people's eyes were watching thee.
Up to the three-hold of the Northern Pole
Thy Hohenzoll'rn sailed, or sailed below
Wear'st the South, and thy whole nation's soul
Went out with thee across the ocean blue,
Followed thy fleet down for England's shore,
Till, Emperor, they follow thee no more.
Deaf to thy people's humble prayer:
Thou wilt not go there.
Now in the [illegible] Empire's station goes
To thine, in deadly war, another stand
For home and honour, 'gainst the treacherous foes
Who on [illegible] robbed them of their land,
From savage [illegible] in stagnant toil,
That land which [illegible] by loyalmen and brave,
On true like Germans, who would never recoil
When called upon their Father land to save
His gweat of gold has brought th Britons there,
His words agree lies, his dealings never fair,
He keeps no pro mise, cares whatever may:
Sire, do not go that way.

If we have fought our way to a high station,
It was because our prince and people stood
In fast solid grief a strong united nation,
Like the blessing of Louise the Good.
By [illegible] eagle, by old Blucher's laughter,
By [illegible] example, marched ever on the thing;
By [illegible] William's victories long after,
We [illegible] have back what now is ours and thine.
Ancient [illegible] is here; let it have sway.
Beloved [illegible] is not dead:
But listen to [illegible] lying prayer.
Do not go [illegible]

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ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

A BULLETIN of the United States office of Experiment Stations (No. 69) gives the results of experiments made under the direction of Professor Atwater on alcohol as a food. After it was found how much ordinary food a man required when at rest and at work, 21·2 ounces of alcohol (absolute), or about as much as three glasses of whiskey, or a bottle of claret or Rhine wine contain, were sub-tituted in l is diet for their heatgiving equivalent in sugar, starch and fat. The alcohol was given in six equal parts, three with, and three between his meals. When the man was fille this alcohol furnished about one-fifth of the total energy of the food, and when he was working about one-seventh.

It was observed that extremely little of the alcohol was emitted from the body unconsumed, that is to say, it was oxidised or burned as completely as the ordinary food and the body transformed the energy of the alcohol into heat or muscular energy just as it did sugar, starch, or fat. Moreover, the alcohol protected the material of the body from consumption as effectively as the corresponding amounts of sugar, starch, and fat, or, in other words, the body when at rest or at work, held its own with the alcohol as well as with the equivalent of sugar, starch, or fat. These experiments, however, do not show the pathological effects of habitual or excessive use of alcohol as a beverage. They do not touch the influences of alcohol on the nerves or circulation, but they are important so far as they go.

According to the report of the United States Naval Board the "Holland" submarine boat during the recent trials at New York, on November 8, fulfilled all the requirements. She carried three torpedoes in position, was ready to charge torpedoes and to fire one at full speed above and below water. She ran two miles under water and in the middle of the voyage rose to the surface, discharged a torpedo at a mark, and dived again. Chief Engineer Lowe advises that the "Holland" should be adopted by the United States Government and fifty built for the protection of New York Harbour. The "Plunger," a larger vessel of the same type, is in course of construction for the Government.

The machine for picking macadamised roads, brought out by a Thetford firm, is likely to make its way in most civilised countries. It resembles a traction engine with a series of picks which scarify the road as it travels, but it also serves as an ordinary steam-roller.

Mr. H. Jones has invented a vice with "plastic" jaws, that is jaws which can be moulded or adjusted to the shape of the article it is required to hold. The adjusting is done by a bundle of metal-roads whose ends form the jaws.

The development of the Soudan under the influence of Western science will doubtless involve the cultivation of the date palm, and the authorities might do well to consult the French expert now in Algeria. The "Bulletin Hebdomadaire du Service des Renseignments Generaux" has an article by M. Rose, of Batna, on the culture of the date in the south of Constantine. A "palmery" of 12 to 15 hectares requires 11 years and an expense of nearly £1,700 before bringing it into a productive state, but it then pays very well.

The "Annee Psychologique" has an interesting article by M. Binet, the well-known French psychologist, on mental suggestion and prestidigitation, in which he shows that sleight of hand and clever tricks do not make a prestidigiteur, without a power of "suggestion" on the spectator. A skilled performer has a marvellous power of acting on the secret springs of the will. Thus, he can generally make a person chuse a figure below 10 by the way he asks for it. If he wishes the person to choose 5 he runs rapidly over the first figures and dwells a little on "5" to suggest it to the memory. It is also curious that of such figures "7" is the most likely to be chosen and "1" the least likely.

A "Laboratory of Tests and Researches for Commerce" is to be founded in Paris, and attached to the "Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers." The aim of the new institution is to proceed by the most perfect scientific methods to the study of minerals of the highest importance to industry and commerce.

Mr. W. J. Russell's paper to the Royal Society, in which he seeks to show that hydroxyl is the active agent in causing plates of zinc magnesium, and certain other metals to impress photographic plates in the dark is of much interest, and he proposes to tell us how the sensitive plate is influenced by the hydroxyl.

In the twinkling of an eye is a phrase for brevity but M. Garten, in the "Archives de Pflüger," has found the average time of a wink is about 0·40 second. The eyelid descends in about 0·80 second, stays down about 0·13 to 0·17 second, and rises again in about 0·17 second. Winking varies much in different persons, and rarely occurs when the attention is concentrated, but this omission is followed by a series of winks to make up, either by resting the eye or cleaning it.

M. C. Moequery, President of the Academie des Sciences Paris, and of other learned bodies, has proposed that we should abandon the conventional scales of our thermometers and adopt one starting from the absolute zero of temperature which was so nearly attained by Professor Dewar in his solidification of hydrogen. This would be a rational and truly scientific scale. The absolute zero corresponds to the cessation of molecular vibration, and is calculated as 273° below zero of the centigrade thermometer. With such a scale the troublesome negative degrees (or "below zero") would be avoided, and existing thermometers could serve by altering their graduation.

The French Government is said to be considering the abolition of the guillotine in favour of electrocution by means of an helmet in which two needles pierce the temples when the current is put on, and so rupture the brain. It is expected to be painless.

Mr. Charles Davison finds that when Kurtz's alkali works at St. Helen's were blown up by the explosion of 80 tons of chlorate of potash, the noise was heard at Marple 28 miles away. The door windows and chimneys of workmen's cottages within a few hundred yards of the works were dismantled, and within the radius of a mile hardly a window escaped. At the battle of Corunna, 1,500 barrels of gunpowder blew up, causing the ground to rock for several miles. The blast at Hell Gate, New York (130 tons of dynamite) was perceived 150 miles away by the vibrations of mercury. The shock of the dynamite explosion (50 tons) at Johannesburg, was felt at Pretoria, 33 miles distant. The naval magazine of Lagoubian (Toulon), which blew up 3,000 kilograms of black powder on March 3 last, was heard at Nice, 84 miles distant, and even at Ventimiglia, in Italy, 100 miles distant. The country for a radius of nearly two miles was blown bare, houses knocked to pieces, and trees uprooted or bent into fantastic shapes.

There is a movement for providing Edinburgh with a zoological garden as a source of recreation and instruction. Some £10,000 or £12,000 was raised in four days by the town for a recent show of the Highland Society, and it is believed that £3,000 a year could be obtained for the garden. Edinburgh has long had a Botanical Garden, but partly owing to the climate, perhaps, no collection of wild animals.

We may add that South Bronx Park, New York the largest zoological garden in the world, was opened recently. It covers 261 acres, while the largest in Europe, that of Berlin, comprises only 60 acres.

Sir W. C. M'Donald, of Montreal, whose munificent donations to the McGill University have already made him a public benefactor of Canada, has now presented the Dominion with funds to establish technical schools in the chief cities and maintain them for three years.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN AUSTRALIA.

ARMED ROBBERS IN DISGUISE.

A case on all fours with the bushranging of earlier days occurred near Rutherglen on December 2, and has set the town and district into a whirl of excitement. Mr. David Visick manager of the Great Southern No. 1 Gold Mine, which is situate three miles from this town, on the main Howlongroad, was the object of the attack. Mr. Visick came into Rutherglen on Saturday, as he had come regularly every second Saturday for a long time past, to obtain the money to pay the fortnigh ly wages of the men employed at the mine. He went to the local branch of the Bank of Australasia, and by cheque on the company's account drew out £1,500. The money consisted of £500 in £5 notes, most of them Bank of Australasia notes, bearing the signature of Mr. J. M. Smith, manager of the Rutherglen branch 100 of them numbered consecutively from A18,401 to A18,20; £170 in silver, and the balance in £1 notes. At about 10·30 o'clock Mr. Visick accompanied by his clerk, Mr. Alfred Geddes, set out for the mine in an ordinary single seated buggy. No arms were carried.

All went well till they were within 500 yards of the mine. Suddenly two mounted men, one from each side of the road, dashed out in front of the vehicle driven by the mine manager. They both wore crape veils and false beards. One of them intimated that their object was plunder; then bringing a rifle at the horse's head, fired following the shot as the poor animal swerved and swung red, with a second and a third shot, which dropped the animal between the shafts.

Both robbers then drew big Bulldog revolvers, one covering Mr. Visick, the other Mr. Geddes, and they dared either to stir on penalty of having his brains blown out without a further warning. Having obtained assurance that the manager and his clerk were unarmed, one of the robbers, with his revolver still covering the former, commanded him to hand over the money bag. Wholly helpless to offer any resistance, Mr. Visick, who is a man advanced in years, complied with the request, passing over to the robber a Gladstone bag containing the £1,500. Pocketing his revolver, the man strapped the bag to the pommel of his saddle, while his companion kept the occupants of the buggy under revolver cover. The robbers thereupon galloped off across an unfenced paddock, and were lost sight of among some gum trees and scrub. It is believed that they have gone towards Howlong.

Mr. Visick succeeded in borrowing a horse in the neighbourhood, and rode into Rutherglen with all possible speed, making first for the police station. Senior Constable Alwood, after taking a hurried report of the crime, and despatching the necessary telegrams to Mr. Connolly, the district police superintendent, and officers at other stations, rode to the scene of the outrage. He was followed by other constables. The robbers had, of course, obtained a start of many miles, and to track them was a task which rendered much difficulty, especially as the direction which they may have taken after they were last sight of was purely a matter for surmise.—*Melbourne Age.*

The *Sun* of Dec. 8th states that the Government have received information of a naval engagement which occurred on November 24, in which one of the Colombian rebel warships rammed one of the rebel vessels by mistake. The vessel sank and 250 men were drowned. The commander of the attacking vessel was told by his pilot that he was making for a friendly ship, but he disregarded the warning. He afterwards, it is said, shot the pilot in order to conceal the mistake that he had made.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ORDERS.

(*Gazette of India*, Dec. 23)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE services of the undermentioned officers are placed permanently at the disposal of the Govt of the N W Provinces and Oudh:—Major W H E Woodwright, F R C S I, I M S Bengal and Major J K Close, M D, I M S Bengal.

The services of Capt W C Lockhart-Muire, 4th Bo Cavalry, are placed at the disposal of the Military Dept.

Major A E Roberts, M B, I M S Bengal, is appointed to officiate as Secretary to the Director General, Indian Medical Service, and Sanitary Commr with the Govt of India, during the absence on furlough of Major J T W Leslie, M B, I M S Bengal, or until further orders.

The services of Major C C Manifold, I M S Bengal, are placed temporarily at the disposal of H E the Commr-in-Chief in India.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The services of Capt C W Field, Cantonment Magistrate, Mian Meer, are replaced at the disposal of H E the Commander-in-Chief in India.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Governor-General is pleased to nominate Rai Bahadur Bipin Krishna Bose, C I E, to be an Additional Member of the Council of the Governor General for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Mr K G Lace, Extra Ass Supt, 1st grade, Survey of India Dept, to be extra Asst Supt, 1st grade (Supernumerary).

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr F B Bryant, Asst Inspr Genl of Forests and Supt of Working Plans, is granted furlough for twenty months.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Capt F W P Macdonald, I S C, is appointed, on return from special leave, to officiate as a Political Agent of the 3rd class, and is posted at Political Agent in Zhob.

Capt E Le Mesurier, I S C is posted as an Assistant to the Govt-Genl's agent in Rajputana.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr V C Scott-O'Connor is posted as Asst Accountant Genl and Inspr of Local Fund Accounts, Burma.

The following substantive promotions and appointments are made in the Postal Dept:—Mr C Steward-Wilson is promoted to the 1st grade, and Mr A T Forbes is appointed to the 2nd grade of Post Masters General.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Lieut-Col H B Mordimer, North Staffordshire Regt, offig Asstt Adjt Genl on the Bairiet Staff, is confirmed in that appointment, vice Lieut-Col J Sherston deceased.

COMMISSARIAT-TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Lieut B H Ryves, 14th (The Ferozepore Sikh) Regt of Bengal Infy, to be Depy Asst Commissary General, 2nd class, on promotion.

Lieut G A Hawks, 1st Regt of Madras Infy (Pioneers), to be Deputy Assistant Commissary General, and class, on probation.

MILITARY SECRETARIAT.

Capt H T Keeny, 2nd Regt of Bombay Lancers, offig Depy Asst Qur-Mr Genl for Mobilisation, to officiate as Asst Secy, vice Capt F G Cardew, appointed to officiate as 2nd Depy Secy.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

Capt. H. D. Larymore, R.A., to officiate as an Ordnance officer, 4th class, to fill an existing vacancy.

Lieut. E. W. Plummer, R.A., to officiate as an Ordnance Officer, 4th class, to fill an existing vacancy.

STAFF CORPS.

The undermentioned officers of the Unattached List are admitted to the Indian Staff Corps, with effect from the dates specified, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India:—Second Lieuts.—F. G. Mollis, C. J. G. Bird, and C. R. C. Sandys.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

The following promotions are made, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

To be Captain.—Lieut G. L. Carter.

Second Lieuts to be Lieutenants.—L. B. Cloete, and M. R. H. Webber.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay.

The undermentioned Military Pupils having passed their final examination are admitted into the service as fourth class Assistant Surgeons:—L E A Emile, J H A Donnellan, A G Lawrence, G C Rehling, C Thompson and C W T Montgomery.

NATIVE ARMY.

4th Gurkha Rifle Regt of Bengal Infy—Jemadar Bahadur Rana to be Subadar, and Dafadar Gavildar Nawal Sing Rana to be Jemadar, vice Durga Dait, deceased.

16th Regt of Madras Infy—Jemadar Shaikh Ismail to be Subadar, and Havildar Muhammad Shafi, to be Jemadar, vice Ibrahim Khan, transferred to the Pension establishment.

24th Regt of Madras Infy—Havildar Srimuth to be Jemadar, vice Ramdas, transferred to the Pension establishment.

RETIREMENTS.

The undermentioned departmental officers with honorary rank are permitted to retire from the service with effect from the dates specified, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—Honorary Major J. Fraser, Senior Asst Surgn, 1st Subordinate Medical Dept (Bengal); Honorary Capt H H Finnamore, Senior Asst Surgn, Indian Subordinate Medical Dept (Bengal); and Honorary Lieut P Sweeny, Deputy Assistant Commissary, Ordnance Dept (Madras).

REWARDS.—GOOD SERVICE PENSIONS.

On the recommendation of the Govt of India, H M's Govt have been pleased to confer a good service pension on Major General Donald James Sim McLeod, C B, D S O, General list, Cavalry.

SPECIAL.

The undermentioned officers, having been absent from military duty for ten years, are transferred to the supernumerary list, with effect from the dates specified:—Capt S H Godfrey, Political Asst, 1st class, Capt B W M Gurdon, D S O, Political Assistant, 1st class, and Capt H B Peacock, Political Asst, 2nd class.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Commdr H B Hooper, R I M, has been permitted by the Secy of State for India to retire from the service.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. H. List, Chief Engineer, 2nd Class, State Railways, and Ex-officio Consulting Chief, N. W. Railway, is permitted to retire from the service of Government.

Babu Jonanjan Saha, passed student, Sibpur Civil Engineering College, is appointed to the Provincial Service of the Engineer Branch of the Public Works Dept as an Apprentice Engineer, and posted to Bengal.

The service of Mr N F Macalister, Ex Engr, 1st grade, are restored at the disposal of the Govt of the N W Provinces and Oudh.

The services of Mr H Whitby Smith, Supt, Class V, 2nd grade Indian Telegraph Dept, are permanent ly transfered to the Indo-European Telegraph Dept.

M. Alfred Dreyfus has written to the president of the Senatorial Amnesty Committee, M. Clamageran, the following letter:—Carpentras, December 1899.—On the very day that liberty was given me through a governmental act which I did not solicit I wrote the following declaration:—"The Government of the Republic restores to me my liberty. It is nothing to me without honour. From to-day and henceforward I intend to follow up the reparation of the terrible judicial error of which I am still the victim. I want the whole of France to know by a definite judgment that I am innocent. My heart will never be at rest until there is no longer a Frenchman who imputes to me the crime that another has committed." It is not for me to intervene in the political discussions aroused by the amnesty question, but if the judgment which has been unjustly passed upon me has deprived me of my rights as a citizen, I still keep my full rights as a man. I only ask one thing from the authorities—that is, that they will not take away any of the means which are conferred upon me by the law of following up the revision of my case. I have neither hatred nor rancour in my heart, but for my children as for myself I desire the proclamation of my innocence in the name of the Republic, in the name of France. I have right a to truth, to justice. I ask, then, that I be left every means of legally establishing tha I am innocent of the crying nommitted by another, for which I have been twice enjustly condemned.

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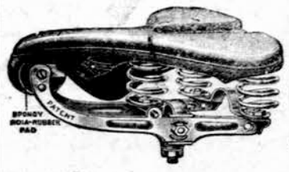

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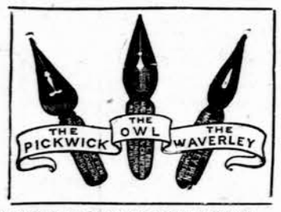

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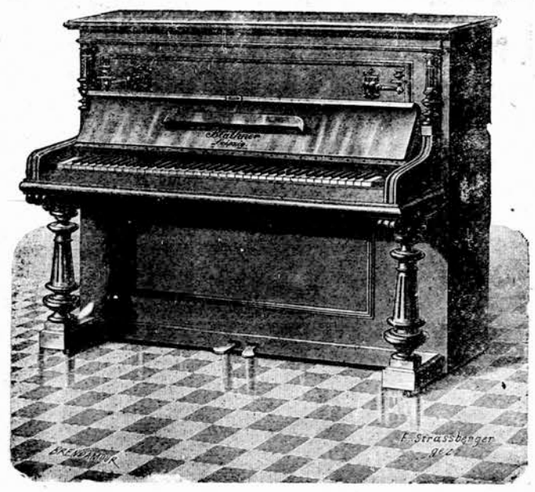

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